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City puts tax vote on Nov. '04 ballot

Council is one vote short
put emergency vote on
March ballot

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER
EL CERRITO — Residents will
on the city's utility users tax
November 2004, despite pleas
10 people who asked the

City Council to declare an emergency and hold the election in March.

State law says tax measures not held during the city's regular November election require a unanimous emergency declaration by the council. Councilwoman Gina Brusatori dissented in a 4-1 vote to place the tax on the March ballot at Monday's meeting. A motion to put the tax

for a vote next November instead passed unanimously.

Many residents told the council they wanted to see the tax placed on the March ballot, in an effort to save city services, including fire and police, senior services and child care. Some criticized proposals from other residents to repeal the tax before the next election.

Adopted by the council in

1991, the utility-users tax has been vulnerable to a potential lawsuit since June 2001, when the California Supreme Court ruled that the taxes were an ongoing violation of Proposition 62. Passed in 1986, Prop. 62 requires a majority vote for new taxes.

Five residents said the city was at fault for not placing the tax up for a vote after June 2001 and there was no reason to de-

clare an emergency, when the city has a 17 percent reserve in its general fund that could be used to make up the loss.

"This emergency is a sham, it's actually a self-created sham by the council and management," said resident John Ward.

"Stop collecting the utility tax now," said Steve Magary, the coordinator for the watchdog group the El Cerrito Citizens Alliance.

"Put a measure on the November 2004 ballot after working out a compromise proposal that will minimize organized opposition."

Speakers in favor of the March election included Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, State Assemblywoman Lori Hancock, Robert De La Campa, the president of the city's

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ON THE TOP STEP AT ALBANY HIGH



TUE NAM TON/STAFF

RON ROSENBAUM has taken the helm as the new principal at Albany High School.

Rosenbaum sets empathetic tone as principal

By Carrie Ching
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — When Albany High School's principal, Ron Rosenbaum, back to his own high school years in Brooklyn, New York, he sums it up with one trauma: he hated high school with a passion, Rosenbaum said with a laugh, as he sat in his sunny office at Albany High. Little did he know, 40 years later he

would find his calling in a high school — this time as principal.

"I never in a million years would have thought I would enjoy working with teenagers," said Rosenbaum, 56. "It just happened. It's delightful. The reason I think I like it is because I have a kind of empathy."

When he moved to California from the East Coast in 1970, that empathy led him into teaching, and later, counseling. He started

out as a junior high math and science teacher, then spent 19 years teaching counseling at Bay Area schools before moving up into an assistant principal position at Berkeley High. He was principal of Alhambra High School in Martinez for five years, and Oakland Tech High School for two years.

When the principal position at Albany High opened up in September after Gloria Galindo resigned, he jumped on it.

"I love it," Rosenbaum said. "This is my community. I live in Albany and my two daughters graduated from Albany High. So it's a great fit."

Albany Superintendent William Wong agreed. "Ron brought a calming stability to the school," he said. "He's very caring. If a student has a problem he really takes the time to listen

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City honors heroes in truck crash incident

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Three civilians, five public safety employees and two public safety organizations were recognized for their heroic, life-saving actions during August's Moeser Lane truck crash.

The honorees were civilians Mark and Orienne Weeks and Winston Ficklin; officer Ryan Carcione, Detective Sgt. Shawn Maples, Detective William Zink, and Police Chief Scott Kirkland of the El Cerrito Police Department; Cpl. Carlos Carter of the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office; plus the El Cerrito and Richmond fire departments.

At its Monday meeting, the

City Council gave commendations to all for "outstanding community service related to the Moeser Lane/Richmond (Street) accident on Aug. 26, 2003."

The accident involved an out-of-control dump truck that barreled down a steep hill on Moeser Lane, slammed into several vehicles and power poles and crashed into the home of 82-year-old Catherine Sutherland at Richmond Street, setting the house on fire.

Mark and Orienne Weeks, with Ficklin, a UPS driver who happened to be passing by, helped rescue Sutherland from her burning home.

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Neighbors want city to scratch pool hall plan

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The planning and zoning commission has postponed a vote authorizing construction of a pool hall at a building formerly used as a banquet room for civic groups, after residents raised concerns about the project.

Located on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue, the rectangular building, called the Albany Temple, was constructed in 1946. It's been vacant for perhaps a year, said Albany associate planner Billy Gross.

David Viale bought the building about three months ago with the pool hall idea in mind. He didn't expect residents to oppose it or for the planning and zoning commission to rethink its ap-

roval.

"I didn't think it was big deal," Viale said of his proposal. "The whole thing is a shock to me, but I hope it all gets worked out."

City planning staff recommended to the planning and zoning commission that it approve a conditional use permit for the project at its Oct. 28 meeting. Instead, commissioners directed planning staff to return Nov. 12 with findings to deny the permit.

"We're working with the city attorney right now to get those completed," Gross said.

One of the concerns was a question of whether the proposal was similar to the building's past use.

A former meeting place for

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SUZAN SNIDER has been asking the Albany to clean up the median strip along Buchanan for about a year. Snider and others want their city tax dollars applied to landscaping efforts.

JOANNA JHAN/STAFF

Resident challenges poor landscaping

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The city's landscaping, or lack of it, angers Suzanne Snider. It makes the city look like a ghetto, she says. It's embarrassing and it takes away from the enjoyment of the city.

Snider says they're working on improvements.

"The landscaping needs improvement," said Judy Lieberman, the assistant to the city administrator. "That's obvious and I think the city is working to make that a priority."

Snider said she's been researching the issue and talking to city officials for more than a year. She has been successful in getting the issue on the agenda to be discussed by the City Council.

She said city officials have told her that part of the problem

is that the city has too little money to take care of Buchanan and Key Route landscaping. But she doesn't understand why the city can't afford to pay for maintenance when she pays \$75 annually for a lighting and landscaping assessment that brings in almost \$1 million annually.

She was also told that there are too few maintenance workers to handle the city's landscaping needs. She wants to see an audit of their work or spend a day with them to see whether that is true. She wants a better record of what the maintenance workers are doing.

"This has been going on for too long," she said. "Seven people can get a lot done, I think."

Public works manager Roger

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Albany

Stars come out to help music programs

Latin jazz star Pete Escovedo and sons Peter Michael and Juan, Claudia Villegas and Ricardo Peixoto will perform Nov. 22 at Albany High to benefit music programs in Albany schools.

The Escovedos will headline a benefit concert for the Albany Music Fund, which is dedicated to preserving music education in the Albany Unified School District.

Escovedo has been at the forefront of Latin jazz for three decades. In the late '60s he toured with the percussion section of the Santana Band, and is featured on three of their albums. He has collaborated with Herbie Hancock, Cal Tjader, Anita Baker, Angela Bofill, Bobby McFerrin, and Boz Scaggs, among others.

Escovedo's sons Juan and Peter Michael, have followed the family tradition of percussion. Juan has played with artists such as Prince and Patti LaBelle, while Peter Michael is music director of the "Wayne Brady Show."

The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, in the Albany High School Gym at 603 Key Route Blvd. Doors open at 6:30. Tickets are \$30 for main-floor seating, \$20 for adults and \$10 for students or 18 and under (ask about the reserved seating front and center). All proceeds will go to the Albany Music Fund.

Information: 510-559-8282 or visit www.albanymusic.org.

Diversity film group sees 'Promises'

EmbracingDiversityFilms, a community film group, presents a documentary at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the Albany High School Multi-purpose Room at 603 Key Route Blvd. in Albany.

"Promises," recipient of the 2001 San Francisco International Film Festival Best Documentary Award, follows a group of Palestinian and Israeli youths who take a chance on friendship despite the age-old conflicts of their native Jerusalem. This screening is open to the public and free of charge.

Members of EmbracingDiversityFilms began meeting in 2002 after several participated in a dialogue about racism at a League of Women Voters workshop. The group is sponsored by Albany High School PTA, and participants include teens, parents and adults from local communities. The group presents documentary films followed by a professionally facilitated discussion.

For more information, contact Sally Douglas Arce (510-527-1328, e-mail sdarce@jps.net) or Maxine Tatmon-Gilkerson (510-243-0797, e-mail gilk@uclink.berkeley.edu).

Buy bargain books, help out the library

The Friends of the Albany Library will hold a 50-cent book sale on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave.

All paperbacks and hardback books including library discards, magazines and romance paperbacks, will be sold for 50 cents each. For more information or to volunteer for the sale, please call the Library at 510-526-3720, ext. 6.

El Cerrito

League to hear new mechanics of voting

The League of Women Voters of West Contra Costa County will hold a brown-bag general membership meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at noon at El Cerrito Royale, 6510 Gladys Ave.

Steve Weir, clerk-recorder of the Contra Costa County Elections Department, for Contra Costa County will speak on the mechanics of voting in the county, including new screening equipment being installed for the March 4 primary election.

Learn about the presidential candidates

The El Cerrito Democratic Club will hold a mini-presidential convention at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, in the sanctuary of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury. All Democrats in the area are invited to come and learn about the candidates for the Democratic nomination for President.

The convention will involve presentations by the various candidates' supporters. After the presentations and debate, the Democratic Club will conduct a straw poll on the nominee with all attending Democrats eligible to vote, and also consider endorsing a presidential candidate.

At the 7:30 meeting, immediately prior to the convention, the club will consider endorsements in the U.S. Senate, State Senate and Assembly races.

For more information call 510-524-4659 or 510-524-3094.

Missouri River topic of fly-fishers meet

The Grizzly Peak Flyfishers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to education, conservation and the enjoyment of fly fishing, will host a program on fly-fishing the Missouri River in Montana. Trap Badovinac, a professional guide and author, will present a slide show.

The meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Free admission; the public is welcome. Food and beverages will be available. For information call John Davis at 510-524-0428.

Garden club meeting also a fund-raiser

The El Cerrito Garden Club will hold its regular meeting Thursday, Nov. 13, at 9:30 a.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito.

This month's meeting is the club's annual fund-raising event. It supports civic beautification, education and the environment. Floral designers Mary Crowell and Shane Looper will speak and demonstrate flower arrangements. There will be a white elephant sale and crafts, baked goods and herbs for sale, as well as door prizes.

Guests are welcome; admission for them is \$5 at the door. For information call Mae at 510-234-0135 or Marilynne at 510-223-0443.

Tree commission to hold public workshop

The El Cerrito Tree Commission will conduct its second public workshop at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The input will assist the Tree Commission in making a recommendation to the Council for a revised tree ordinance. For more information, call 510-215-4382.

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ALBANY POLICE

Monday, Oct. 27

■ PETTY THEFT — At about 3:30 p.m. a manager at the Albany Bowl requested officers assistance because he had detained three subjects who had taken money out of a video machine. Officers arrested two Albany boys, ages 12 and 13, and one San Pablo boy for petty theft. They were cited and released to the parents of a friend.

■ STEAKS STOLEN — In the afternoon two men stole a package of steaks from the Safeway on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. They were last seen departing east on Solano Avenue in a white Toyota Celica.

■ FIGHTING WARRANT — A 22-year-old Pinole man came to the Albany police station for a vehicle release. A check found he had an outstanding Hayward warrant for fighting in the amount of \$200. He was arrested, cited and released.

■ BIKE STOLEN — Thieves stole a bicycle from a bike rack near the Albany Pool. There were no witnesses.

■ BIKE ASSIST — At about 4 p.m. officers responded to a call from CHP regarding a fight at Cougar Field and assisted CHP officers.

■ BIKE STOLEN — Thieves stole a bicycle from a bike rack near the Albany Pool. There were no witnesses.

■ JUVENILE ARRESTED — At about 6 p.m. Berkeley police reported a group of five juveniles had just stolen a bike from a rider and also robbed another victim while on the BART path. El Cerrito police were also notified to be on the lookout for the group. Albany officers located one boy matching the description, a 15-year-old Berkeley boy, and arrested him for robbery and conspiracy. He was cited and transported to Juvenile Hall.

■ WARRANT — The driver of a black '98 Chevrolet, a 28-year-old Richmond man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from San Francisco for violation of promise to appear in the amount of \$227. He was arrested, cited and released.

■ VEHICLE THEFT — An Orinda woman reported that thieves had stolen her blue '93 Honda Accord while it was parked near Solano and Kalmi avenues. The vehicle had been left unlocked with the keys inside. There were no witnesses.

■ PURSE STOLEN — An El Cerrito woman reported that thieves stole her purse from her unlocked Honda Civic in the north lot at the Albany Bowl on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ CAR RECOVERED — Berkeley police reported locating a blue '89 Honda that had been stolen from Al-

bany. They did not have anyone in custody and the owner was notified.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

■ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — Officers arrested a 37-year-old Pleasant Hill man for an outstanding Albany warrant for violations of a court order regarding domestic violence in the amount of \$5,000. He was also charged with another count of the same offense. He was cited and released on bail.

■ BIKE STOLEN — During the night thieves stole a gray and blue 10-speed bike locked up in front of Marin School. There were no witnesses.

■ HOME EGGED — A resident on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue reported her house had been egged around 9 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1

■ PEDESTRIAN ARRESTED — Officers responded to reports of a subject in the street who was attacking vehicles on the east side of San Pablo Avenue. They contacted the 30-year-old Oakland man and a check found he had outstanding warrants out of Oakland for jaywalking in the amount of \$294. He was arrested for probation violations, threatening with a weapon and burglary. He was cited and released.

■ AUTO LOCATED — Berkeley police located a white '87 Toyota Camry on the 1400 block of Santa Fe that had been stolen out of Albany. It was towed and the owner notified.

■ MULTIPLE COUNTS — Officers contacted a subject on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue because her gold Honda 4-door was missing the license plates. The 24-year-old Vallejo woman was found to have outstanding warrants from Napa County for six counts of burglary and six counts of petty theft in the amount of \$25,000. She was arrested and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ AUTO BREAK-IN — Thieves broke into a blue Plymouth parked on the 800 block of Cleveland Avenue and stole items from inside. ■ AUTO LOCATED — At about 6 p.m. Richmond police located a white '94 Honda Civic that had been stolen from Albany on Oct. 25. The owner was notified.

■ VANDALISM — During the night vandals slashed the top of a red '90 Mazda convertible parked on the 600 block of Spokane Avenue. There

Tuesday, Oct. 28

■ DUI — At about 3 a.m. officers stopped a green Saturn near Buchanan Street and I-80 for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 29-year-old Concord man, was found to be driving without a driver's license. He was arrested, cited and released.

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Friday, Oct. 31

■ COUPLE ARRESTED — At about 1:30 a.m. an officer contacted a couple in an '88 Jeep in the lot at 555 Pierce St. who were acting suspiciously. They arrested a Dublin man for being in possession of an illegal knife and stolen property and for grand theft auto, conspiracy and prior convictions. They also arrested a 37-year-old Vallejo woman for possession of a controlled substance, grand theft auto, conspiracy and prior convictions. They were both transported to the Alameda County Sheriff's office.

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EL CERRITO POLICE

Friday, Oct. 17

■ VANDALISM — An officer saw a man rip a "No Left Turn" sign from its pole at the intersection of Blake Street and San Pablo Avenue at about 11 p.m. Officers arrested a 36-year-old San Pablo man, who was found to be in possession of another person's driver's license and Social Security number. He was also arrested for being under the influence of a narcotic, and taken to the Martinez jail.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

■ DRUG POSSESSION — At about noon, officers responded to El Cerrito

High to assist with what was reported as a large student disturbance. Officers arrested a 17-year-old student for possession of marijuana packaged for sales. The student was released to a parent.

■ BURGLARY — Officers responded to the report of a burglary in progress at about 5:50 a.m. and found an intruder who seemed disoriented and confused. The man claimed he was a friend of the apartment's tenant, and gave the tenant's name. Officers noticed, however, that several items in plain view in the residence could have provided the suspect with the name. The tenant, reached by phone,

said he didn't know the intruder. The caller who reported the burglary said that man had burglarized his residence, too. Police arrested a 21-year-old Richmond resident for burglary, and took him to the Martinez jail.

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— Karl Fischer

Attacker described in police sketch



KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE SKETCH of attack suspect.

Police have released an artist's sketch of a man who attacked a 92-year-old woman last month as she returned home from a walk.

The robber, described as 16 to

18 years old, struck up a conversation with the woman near the corner of Sunset Drive and Highgate Road about 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21.

He asked to use her phone, then tried to pull down her pants as she turned to enter the house, police said. The victim hit her attacker with a cane several times, and he ran away.

The attacker was 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall with a medium build and short brown hair. He wore a dark-color short-sleeve shirt the day of the attack.

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Neighbors

Letter from France is WWII vet's best reward



MARTIN SNAPP

Snapp Shots

FIFTY-NINE years ago, Melvin Ayers of Albany was slogging across France, part of the American force that was liberating Europe. One thing made it more bearable: He was sharing a foxhole with his twin brother, Alvin. Both survived the war. Alvin died in 1979, but Mel is still going strong at 81, living with his wife, Carol, in the same house on Elmer Avenue, the Elmer Avenue where he and Al grew up.

Two weeks ago, he received

long ago, in 1944-45, young American soldiers who had to go home in Somme Py to say good-bye to a little French girl, 10 years old, named Francoise. They were going back to the great country after having seen so much for France. The little girl waited for them, but then she and her friends' ship had to sail with all passengers lost. She was very sad.

But that little girl last week on the Web, my husband did a Google search and discovered the address of Melvin, who has not changed for 60

years. What regrets I have for not writing to you earlier, but what

you know are still

Melvin, your little Francoise never forgot you. I am your grandmother with three grandchildren. Two of them look like you, which makes me very happy.

I would be very happy if you write to me. I kiss you, Francoise.

Of course I remember her!"

"We called her 'our little sweetheart.' She would sit at the table and watch football with the town's boys. She was our great-grandmother and cheerleader. She would jump up and down, clap hands, and cheer whenever she made a touchdown."

One evening at a very late

hour, Al and I decided to take a walk. When we opened the door, we found our little sweetheart sitting on the steps, waiting for us to come out. She wanted us to meet her parents and sister. We walked her home, and her parents were very surprised. They thought she was in bed, asleep."

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TUE NAM TON/STAFF

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Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2878 or e-mail msnapp@cc-times.com.

ACES AND PLACES



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Darcy A. Britton

Terry Clark and two of his graduates, Charles White and Alison Shimada.

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and High School bands.

West County Winds is a diverse group, with many professions represented among its members. It boasts teachers, lawyers, judges, prosecutors, bankers, secretaries, professional musicians, community volunteers, computer technicians, managers, architects, college students and more, Houghton says.

The ensemble is sponsored by the City of El Cerrito and meets in the El Cerrito High School band room. Mondays from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

"We rehearse challenging classical music as we enjoy the friendship and camaraderie that has developed over the years," Houghton says. "New members are always welcome, regardless of how long they may have been away from their instrument."

El Cerrito's Rachel Levin, 12, first prize in Cricket magazine's August Cricket League poster contest. Asked to write about something magical, Rachel submitted a description of a stream with the plant and animal life swimming about it. Her poem was published in the magazine's November issue.

Rachel! Well, writing Rachel!

Air Force Airman Darcy A. Britton, a 2001 graduate of El Cerrito High School, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, and training exercises, and specialized training in human relations. Britton is the son of Joseph

Stallworth of Richmond.

Susan Houghton called to talk about the West County Winds, an amateur classical wind ensemble founded in 1985 by former El Cerrito High School band director

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EDITORIAL

Veterans Day — more than a date

It is the type of date that sticks in your head: the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. It was on that date — 11:01 a.m. Nov. 11, 1918 — that the treaty of peace was signed to mark the end of World War I, often called "the war to end all wars."

If only that had been true. Armistice Day was created to celebrate that war's end, but the name was changed to Veterans Day to encompass all veterans.

Throughout history, Americans have been called upon to put on uniforms and march off to war. They have fought for ideals and for freedom of choice. Most importantly, Americans have fought for peace.

The country will honor the price of peace Tuesday, Nov. 11, by paying tribute to the thousands of veterans who gave their lives to protect democracy in far too many wars.

And in ceremonies as varied as the veterans themselves, those who fought and then returned to their homes and families, will also be honored.

The military personnel, both men and women, are from our hometowns. They are our neighbors, our fathers, brothers, sons and husbands, and our mothers, sisters, daughters and wives.

Americans are still fighting, and dying, donning uniforms and picking up weapons to defend freedom in foreign lands. Yellow ribbons are as common as the Stars and Stripes on light poles and porch posts.

Veterans Day should not be just words on a calendar. Every person should set aside a minute on Tuesday — at 11:01 a.m. — to silently honor those men and women who made possible all we take for granted.

A loud, every person should also honor, and thank, those who have returned from war and those who are still on duty.

Pay tribute to them all, and pray that one day we will be able to say, "That was the war to end all wars."

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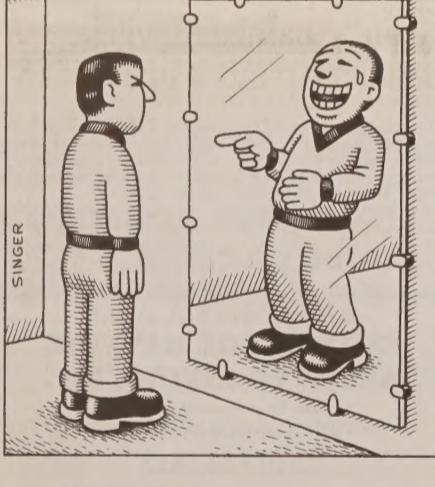


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Desegregating age groups serves everyone



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

at work.

What is intergenerational programming? The "Generations United" Web site (www.gu.org) describes it as "activities or programs that increase cooperation, interaction and exchange between people of different generations." And the United Nations Second World Assembly on Aging, in April 2002, used it as one of their four key points of focus in discussing "measures to strengthen solidarity between generations" (World Assembly on Aging Web site).

The Albany Library has a program of this kind in its "Second Wednesdays," a drop-in poetry writing workshop for all ages (Second Wednesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m.). When we first started this program, there was some hesitancy about

whether it would really work.

Our concerns included the need to limit the subject matter, because of young children, and the potential for a wide range of experience and writing skills. But after more than two years, I can say it is successful. And I still find its existence amazing — sometimes when I stand in the doorway and listen, I can't believe the level of attentiveness and the quality of the poetry.

So, why is this idea so relevant to libraries today? I know I've been drawn to it because it somehow represents a feeling of community; a community made up of people of all ages, from children to grandparents, and everyone in between. Unfortunately, according to various articles I've read, we are becoming more and more age-segregated. There are retirement communities and there are neighborhoods with primarily young families, but there are fewer and fewer with both kinds of populations. This kind of division can cause misunderstandings among groups and can even lead to political tensions — each group unwilling to support measures for

the other group.

In smaller cities, like Albany or El Cerrito, this may seem like less of an issue. But even though we live together, there are not many opportunities for people of all ages to listen to and learn from each other. I think intergenerational programs, such as family story times or all-ages craft events, can help. In a world where technology and mobility are changing our neighborhoods and our relationships, it's wonderful to have programs for all of us.

READER REVIEW: Today's book review is from Claire and the book is Jeffrey Eugenides' "Middlesex." Claire says this fiction book is about "80 years in the life of a Greek family from their flight out of Turkey to their establishment of a successful restaurant chain in Grosse Point, Mich." One word she would use to describe it is "flowing" and she recommends it because "the reader becomes involved in a very engaging story."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Friends of the Albany Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library. All paperbacks and hardback books, including library discs, will be sold for 50 cents each. Offerings include magazines and romance paperbacks. For details or to volunteer, please call the Library at 510-526-3720, ext. 6.

Also at Albany: As part of the Alameda County Library, the Albany Library celebrates Children's Book Week Plus Nov. 3-26. The Children's Book Council created Children's Book Week to encourage children, and the adults who care for them, to make time each day with a favorite book.

Book lovers can also check out the libraries' "Challenge Page" at www.aclibrary/kidplace. Click on "Children Book Week Plus," unscramble the titles of well-known children's books and win a prize.

Also at Albany: People 55 and older can find out more about Elderhostel when Judie Fernandez, Elderhostel Ambassador, comes to speak, show slides and answer questions about the Elderhostel program. Literature will be available and refreshments are provided courtesy of the Albany Friends of the Library on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

Elderhostel has nearly 10,000 educational programs in more than 100 countries, including hundreds located throughout the

United States. Elderhostel representative Judie Fernandez will speak, show slides and answer questions about the program. Literature will be available, with refreshments provided by the Albany Friends of the Library.

Elderhostel is the nation's first and world's largest nonprofit educational and travel organization for people over 55. Elderhostel and the Alameda County Library share a common goal of providing lifelong learning opportunities to older adults.

The Albany Library is at 1247 Marin Ave. and is a branch of the Alameda County Library. Information: 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

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You can learn basics of the Internet at the El Cerrito Library's beginning Internet workshops. Practice computer mouse skills, set up e-mail, search the Web, locate library materials in the online catalog, and find the information you need in the library's databases. The workshops are held on alternating Saturday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m.

Call 510-526-7512 to sign up. The El Cerrito Library is at 6510 Stockton Ave. For information, call 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

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The Kensington Library holds Family Storytimes for all ages on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (except when special programs are scheduled). The Kensington Library is at 61 Arlington Ave.,

EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Gaucho cards are coming soon: El Cerrito soccer players, boys and girls, will be selling Gaucho Cards to raise money for the soccer programs. The cards offer discounts on services and goods from local merchants, including Pizza Hut, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Subway, Church's Chicken, La Vai's Pizza, Jamba Juice, Baskin Robbins, JR Muggs, Tokyo Restaurant, the Albany Bowl, Silver Screen Video, Gary's Tux Shop, Darling Flower Shop, Scandia Family Center, Goffland and Sam Goody-Musicland. Each card is \$10, with 50 percent of the proceeds going to the soccer programs. Cards will be sold until Dec. 7.

Debaters Sarah Ball and Daniela Kromenberg were awarded trophies for their 4-2 records, and Amit Gressel won a fourth-place speaker award in the Golden State Speech Association (GSSA) league tournament at UC Berkeley recently. This was Sarah and Daniela's first tournament in policy CX debate. Amit, however, is a seasoned competitor and not new to winning trophies. The next league tournament is Saturday at Sonoma State. This is

an individual tournament only and the first IE league tournament of the year. Three students, all seniors, represented ECHS at the University of Pacific Speech and Debate Invitational recently. Colin Blattel, Kevin Tse and Robert Slaughter. Colin and Kevin were entered in individual events, did dramatic interpretation and Robert did a humorous interpretation in the novice division (this was his first tournament) and received a finalist trophy in his event. His performance piece was an adaptation of a comedy short about "Guys" by Dave Barry. In related news, forensics director Jenny Lin is participating in the AIDS marathon and will be running the New Orleans marathon. For details, visit www.aidsmarathon.com (her runner number is 1041). She thanks all the faculty and staff who donated to the SF AIDS Foundation on her behalf. Nano*High is a series of free Saturday morning lectures and laboratory tours sponsored by Lawrence Berkeley Lab, for high-school students of all interests and teachers of all subjects — no science background needed. Meet

and talk with UC professors and Berkeley Lab scientists and graduate students. Learn about their research into the world of the ultra small and how it will affect our future. All talks will be held at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the Building 66 auditorium. Free shuttle from Berkeley BART. For details and for a registration form, go to www.lbl.gov/nanohigh.

Assemblywoman Lori Hancock invites you to a hearing of the Assembly Select Committee on Bridging the Achievement Gap. This event will include an overview of the Federal No Child Left Behind legislation and its impact on local schools, as well as public testimony and recommendations. It features state and local education experts. The event is Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at Stanley Middle School, 3455 School St., Lafayette. Details: 510-559-1406.

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Calendar

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Children

■ The Buddy Club presents "The Bubble Lady" from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 16, at Berkeley JCC Theater, 1414 Walnut Street (between Vine and Rose). The Bubble Lady, a hilarious comedy bubble show, will amaze all. Hosting the show is the unique Master Singing Storyteller Kirk Waller, whose fast-paced rap and sing-song stories will captivate the imaginations of young and old alike. Tickets: \$7 per person (under 2 years old free). Call 510-236-7469 for more information.

■ UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science holds a science exhibit "Jelly Belly presents Candy Unwrapped," through Jan. 4. LHS is the public science and math center of UC Berkeley. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Location: Centennial Drive below Grizzly Peak. For general information, call 510-642-5132 or visit the Web site at www.lawrencehallofscience.org.

■ Toddler Times with stories, bounces and stretches, are coming back to the Albany Library, the new series on Mondays from Nov. 10 through Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. The library is at 1247 Marin Ave. Call for sign-ups: 526-3720, Ext. 17.

■ Children's Social Skills and Manners workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202. Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. 531-7551.

■ Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 848-0237.

■ El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 2 months to 5 years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Moeser Lane. 215-4371.

■ The Ann Martin Children's Center of

fers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821. Classes

Community

■ Lama Palzang will speak on "Padmasambhava: Founder of Tibetan Buddhism" at 6 p.m. Nov. 9, at the Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. Padmasambhava, known to his followers as 'the second Buddha' established Buddhism in Tibet in the 8th century. Lama Palzang will describe the epic life story of Padmasambhava and the work of his most prominent disciples. The talk will be illustrated with slides. Free. Parking Available. Wheelchair Accessible. For more information, call 510-843-6612.

■ Hawaiian Music Benefit for KAHEA-The Hawaiian Environmental Alliance and the Environmental Health Network (of California) from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 9, at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley (Gilmor, cross street). The Kapalikou Hawaiian Band, Kaiaulu Haleau Hula with Kumu Hula, Michael Yamashita and Gerald Joseph, award-winning magician, as MC and other special guests. Tickets: \$12 at the door. Advance sales through Ashkenaz, 510-525-5099 or www.ashkenaz.com or Ticketmaster 866-468-3399 or www.ticketmaster.com. Children welcome. Ages 12 and under free. Come fragrance free. Contact Kathy Day, Ashkenaz 510-525-5999, ex. 2 or Amy Marsh, phosphoria@aol.com.

■ The Cal Sailing Club offers free sailboat rides on San Francisco Bay from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 14, at the Cal Sailing Club, located at the Berkeley Marina, near the bottom of University Avenue next to Adventure Playground. Bring warm, waterproof clothes — you may get wet. For more information, call the club at 510-287-5905, or visit the Web site at www.cal-sailing.org.

■ The Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., presents the exhibit "Brought to Light: The Story of Collections of the Judah L. Magnes Museum" through April 25. Hours: Open Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Jewish and federal holidays. Admission is free. For more information, call 510-549-6950.

■ Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.

■ Berkeley Camera Club meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues — parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. 525-2531.

■ Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany,

what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 meets Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Betty Coates at 235-0490.

■ Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. For an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in design and education. Call 848-6370.

■ Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture. College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. 642-0808.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues — parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. 525-2531.

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■ "Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to help with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Exhibits

■ John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., presents the MFA Graduate Exhibition of artist Eleni Rivers entitled "Heaven & Earth" through Nov. 13. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 510-649-0499.

■ The Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., presents an exhibit of 60 postrevolutionary Cuban posters from the Cuban Film Institute, OSPAAAL, and Editora Politica with examples of work by Bay Area artists. Gallery hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. Free admission, donations accepted. For a complete listing of other events at the Center, call 510-644-6893 or visit the Web site at www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

■ The exhibit Early Women of Berkeley (1787-1953) and their organizations runs through March 27. The exhibit, curated by the College Women's Club/Berkeley Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Berkeley Historical Society, celebrates how women shaped Berkeley's history, working alone and through their clubs. A women's history lecture series is also planned. Exhibit open is Sunday, Sept. 28 from 2-5 p.m. at the Berkeley History Center, 1931 Center St. Details: 848-0181. Admission free.

■ Swing Dance Classes! Learn East Coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime

involved in an accident while on its way to the real rig. Tickets: \$20, \$12 ages 16 and under. No performances Nov. 14-16. Reservations: 510-524-9132.

■ Learn easy International folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience needed. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2, kids \$1. Details: 525-1130.

■ Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary — all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave., \$4; call 525-1542.

■ Family Folkdancing takes place the third Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schuler Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

■ The Berkeley Camera Club every Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Shabazz Community Church, 5411 Shabazz, Berkeley. Share your slides and learn what others are doing. Field trips. Don, 510-525-3551; www.berkeleycameroclub.org

Health

■ Charcot Marie Tooth disease meets Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Berkeley Library, 1125 University from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a progressive disorder. Details: 525-3565.

■ YWCA Health and Community program, drop-in classes in dance, yoga, martial arts, more. University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Details: 510-525-3551.

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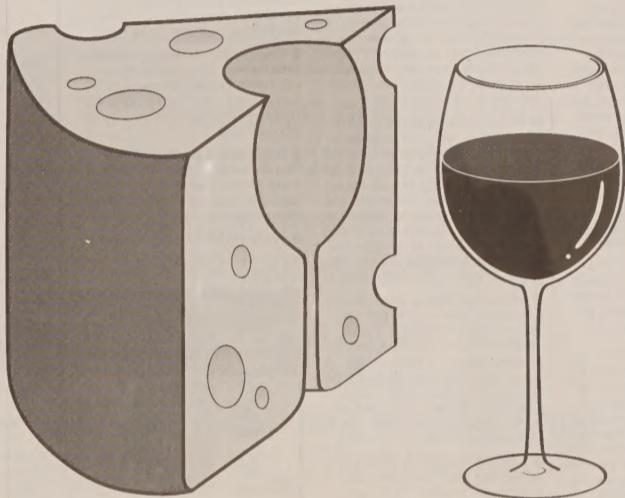
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■ **Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung** classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. 268-4995.

■ The YWCA offers free orientations of its **Turning Point Career Center**. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. 848-6370.

■ **Learn computer applications** for the "working" world Using Windows '95 and '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. 237-0840 or www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/rop.

■ **Emotions Anonymous:** 12-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Literary events

■ **Poetry Express**, holds its weekly Open Mike at 7 p.m. at the Priya Restaurant, 2072 San Pablo Ave (near University), Berkeley. Host is Mark States. Nov. 10 features Dale Jensen plus Wendy Brown from Santa Fe, New Mexico; Nov. 17 features Susan Birkenhead; Nov. 24 theme night "changing." Mention the reading and receive a 20 percent discount on dinner. For more information, e-mail berkeleypoetryexpress@yahoo.com

meetings/lectures

■ David Garret from **Jews for Jesus** will speak at 11 a.m. Nov. 16, at Albany First Baptist Church, 1319 Solano Ave. Discussion topic: "How God is Working Among the Jews." The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the Web site at www.albanyfirstbaptist.org or call 510-526-6632.

■ **Baywater Book Club** kicks off its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12, at Liu's Kitchen—Restaurant, 1593 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Help plan the annual Dec. 25 Christmas Day Party. As seating permits. For more information, call 510-433-2911.

■ **Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., presents poetry events: First Thursdays include Open Mike and Featured Poet sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. Second

Wednesdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops, for all ages. Second Saturdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops for grades 4-8. All three events are free and on-going. Light refreshments will be served. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20 for more information.

■ **Storytelling for Adults**, a group of storytellers, and listeners, who love to listen to stories, to keep the oral tradition alive, meet from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on the first Thursday each month at the Claremont Branch, Berkeley Public Library, 1940 Berekeley, at Ashby. Free. 610-844-6880; or 525-1533.

■ **The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must compete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings/lectures

■ **The El Cerrito Toastmasters** offers basic public speaking and leadership activities and programs. Speakers of all skill levels are invited to come, observe and participate. Meetings occur every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. For more information contact Jim Bruce at jim@peachpit.com.

■ **Kol Hadasah**, the Bay Area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, with more than 110 family members from around the Bay Area, meets on the fourth Friday of each month for a regular Shabbat (Sabbath), every other month on a Saturday for a Family Shabbat. The group holds Sunday school classes two Sundays a month, celebrates all the major Jewish holidays and holds special events from time to time. Location: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 428-1492.

Miscellany

■ **Grizzly Peak Flyfishers**, a group dedicated to furthering the sport of fly fishing through education and conservation, holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 13, at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington St. in Kensington. A fly-tying demonstration for beginners will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting. A light dinner will be available for a modest price on a first-come, first-served basis. A talk by a guide on the upper Missouri River about fly fishing in his part of Montana. Expert, beginning and "wannabe" fly fishers are all welcome. For more information, call Richard Orlando at 510-547-8629.

■ **UC Botanical Garden** expert Chris Carmichael, will conduct a walk exploring the garden's rich collection of gynospores—a diverse assemblage of cone-bearing plants—10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 8. This tour will examine familiar cone bearers such as pines and redwoods, in addition to the palm-like cycads and unusual and obscure plants such as ephedra and Welwitschia. Fee: \$5, free to members. Space is limited; registration required. Location: The UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Call 510-643-2937 or e-mail janetwill@uclink4.berkeley.edu or visit the Web site at www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, presents a Sweet Health Festival from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9. Learn about the practical uses of sugar such as disinfecting wounds and rehydrating tissues. Meet Bob's Mouth and become a Sugar Sleuth as you learn how to stay healthy and enjoy your sugar too with these hands-on activities and demonstrations. Admission: \$8.50 for adults; \$6.50 for youth 5-18, seniors, and disabled; \$4.50 for children 3-4. Free for children under 3. LHS Members, and full-time UC, Berkeley students. Location: LHS is on Centennial Drive - above the UC Berkeley campus and just below Grizzly Peak Blvd. Parking is 50¢ per hour; \$3 for four hours, and \$5 all day. LHS is accessible by AC Transit and the UC Berkeley Shuttle. General information, call 510-642-5132 or visit the Web site at www.lawrencehallofscience.org.

■ **St. John's Prime Timers** in Berkeley offers ongoing classes at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Classes include exercises, ceramics, copper enameling, woodworking, weaving, creative writing, and tap dancing (Thursdays). New members are always welcome, especially seniors over 50. Call 845-6830 for more information.

■ **The Center for Independent Living** announces its newly created **Asian Outreach Program** to assist Asian individuals with disabilities, particularly new immigrants. Providing services and advocacy in Cantonese, Vietnamese, and English, program staff are culturally sensitive and knowledgeable of community and government service available to individuals with disabilities. For more information, call CIL at 510-783-9999.

■ **Friendship Circle**, a Jewish club for older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Ave. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for details.

■ Improve your speaking skills by attending **Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster** meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15

a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. 525-3565.

■ **Disabled American Veterans** Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-572-8364.

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■ **The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club** meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillsgate Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-547 or 643-7645.

■ **The Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969.

■ **Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters**, The Smart Club Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

■ **Toastmasters**: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for more information.

■ **Joy of Yiddish**: Yiddish conversation

at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. 644-6107

■ **The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. 204-4503.

■ **Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillsgate, 704-1822.

■ **"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of

each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Berkeley, 528-1233.

■ **State Health Toastmasters** second, third and fourth Thursday month, 12:10-1:10 p.m. at the Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way, 649-7750.

■ **Higher Alignment**: 7 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; fun, informative seminar, spiritual partnership, Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 415-461-5337; \$20.

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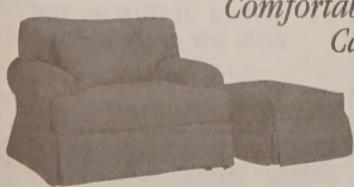
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Long 'conversation' aims to improve schools

THEY CALLED it a "Community Conversation." The invitation came from William L. Wong, superintendent of the Albany Unified School District: "As a valued member of our community, you are invited to participate in our Albany Unified School District discussion, Educating Albany: A Community Conversation on Students, Schools, and the Future."

The school district, the Albany Teachers Association, and the budget advisory committee formed a partnership to hold a community-wide discussion around this theme. It is all part of a program called Future Search "a program which encourages citizens to join together as they examine decisions that need to be made today so that our hopes and aspirations for our children can be realized tomorrow."

It was held over a recent weekend, at the Albany Community Center, a well-planned event that included teachers, past and present school board members, city officials, an important group of fund-raisers, and even a group of eighth-graders who were inspiring to all of us.

We were put into groups, each group at a round table which made discussion easy and exciting. My group was a good sample: Gloria Sims, who teaches English at Albany High; Phyllis Zisman, pharmacist; Miriam Walden, a mom, teacher and AUSD school board president; writer Robert Menzimer (whose Life is a Movie column appears in the Journal); Nadine Ghannam, a mom, project coordinator in UC Berkeley's history department and peace activist; Marilyn Jossens, parent of an Albany High student; David Jacbos Pontecarro, parent and School/CARE board member; Anthony Wang, principal of Albany-Berkeley Chinese School; Frances Ho, our very bright eighth-grader; and me, a columnist and community activist.

In a directed conversation, we were to discuss what would happen if things stayed as they are now. The predictions were sad: large class sizes, a lack of supplies and books, the loss of art and music, the school, and the deepening of the division between college-bound students and those who for one reason or another could not go to college.

One of our teachers spoke of her fear that the Albany schools could become a prep school for college-bound students, with



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

other students receiving less attention and education. As we went around the room, it was obvious that all of the groups were seeing pretty much the same dark picture. Then we were told to discuss what we would like to see for the future. Diversity was in most people's minds, as were, of course, adequate facilities, the availability and variety of classes, a robust curriculum, and much more. It was a beautiful picture. The point was finding common ideas and thoughts, and as we went around the room we found much in common.

The next day we were in groups according to our connection with the schools. Our group was the community members.

Again the conversations were directed: what was needed, what directions should be taken, etc. Sunday morning was dedicated to each group deciding what it could do to make these ideas and directions happen.

It was inspiring to hear the teachers offer to take on more burden, to have the school board and city council members plan what they could do, and to listen to the eighth-graders' straightforward presentation of their perception of what must happen. Our group could only say that we would work with them all, and back their efforts.

Papers were put up on the walls, and people signed up eagerly for various projects. It was a full weekend of conversation, and it worked. We ended up with concrete suggestions and ideas, and were determined to make it happen.

A happy Superintendent Wong bade goodbye to a group of people who had studied the schools and were ready to roll up their sleeves and improve them.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

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Keeping a handle on things when schedule gets busy

Q. Although I am "getting on" I lead a very busy life. In fact, it seems almost frantic these days. So many things going on — social affairs, household necessities, and so on. Recently I realized that I have been forgetting a few responsibilities and even an appointment. I think I need help!

A. This sounds like a situation that will benefit from the word "organize." You need to find ways that will require less time than you now spend while attending to all your responsibilities. What methods do you use to help you keep track of all the things you must do?

One essential for both current and long-term planning is a calendar. A daily check of the day's activities is necessary, of course, and perhaps even more than once to make sure you have not forgotten anything. Also, start preparing for the next day and perhaps even further ahead



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

when necessary.

Lists are also important. Don't go shopping without one. Whenever you think of something you need, write it on the list immediately. Do not wait or you may get distracted and forget all about it. A sure way to misuse time is to make two trips to complete an errand when one should have been sufficient.

Another type of list that can be most helpful is a scrap of paper and a pencil kept at your bedside. Many of us have new ideas or remember responsibilities around 3 a.m. It often helps

me get back to sleep if I just jot it down, knowing then that it will not have slipped my mind in the morning.

Do you ever forget to take a particular object with you that you have promised to someone? Perhaps a friend wants to borrow a book, so you have promised to take it to her when you go to lunch. Then at lunch — no book! How do you make sure you won't forget? Put the book where you cannot miss it. Place it directly in front of the door, or take it to your car well before you plan to leave.

To try to organize your daily errands in the most efficient way. Unless a time schedule interferes, take the shortest, quickest route. Know ahead of time exactly where you are going and the route you will take. It really pays off in time saved.

Are you trying to remember things that are unnecessary? Try

to consider all the things it is all right to forget. For example, if you have made a shopping list, you need to just read it at the proper time and purpose to remember them or not.

Those details are not to my life. Nobody will

As I always stress, a few minutes each day of mental stimulation such as crossword puzzle. I know you are already busy, but I want to be, but organization should help you to save some mental activity, and other mental abilities.

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The awards were given on a recommendation by Chief Scott Kirkland, who was nominated by police.

In accordance with policy, the civilians were plaques for their brave safety personnel and were given framed citations.

1988-1 for Buchanan Street medians and no trash and weeds around schools.

She would like to see money allocated from the lighting and landscape assessment to do that.

Lieberman said she didn't know why those two were even listed in the assessment, as the money is intended for commercial strip zones, not for open space, he said.

The El Cerrito fire department personnel was lauded for being "dedicated to their mission of enhancing community safety by re-

Heroes

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Carcione and Carter rescued Shaheen Ansarullah, who was trapped inside a van that ended up on the porch of the burning home. Carcione forced open the driver's side door and extracted Ansarullah with Carter's help.

Maples, Kirkland and Zink helped rescue Kapil Sharam, the driver of the dump truck, who was trapped inside the burning vehi-

cle. Maples responded to the scene and immediately ran through intense heat and fire to clear debris away from the vehicle and, with the assistance of Kirkland and Zink, was able to pull the driver to safety.

"Although the accident was devastating in terms of property loss and injuries," read a council resolution, "the outstanding efforts of ... public safety officers who responded to this accident averted a greater tragedy and saved the lives of those injured."

Landscape

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Anderman said the city has seen the number of workers decrease over the years, while the city's infrastructure ages. The six full-time workers and one part-time worker have their hands full dealing with emergencies, particularly sewer problems, he said.

On Buchanan Street, the irrigation hasn't worked for at least 10 years.

The city will make improvements next spring, he said, such as building low-maintenance landscaping on Buchanan, contracting

out maintenance work and buying a mobile water trailer than can more easily water the medians.

In addition, the priorities now being assembled for the Measure F bond measure passed last year will take into account the need for landscaping.

"We would all like this to be improved," said Lieberman. "That's the bottom line."

Snider said she's unsatisfied with their answers. She questioned why the city was trying to get new ball fields with Measure F money, when it can't even maintain what it has.

She pictures tall trees replacing the stunted palms on the

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"I'll overlook the last 15 years if they take the time and allocate the money," she said.

Currently, no money is allocated from the Lighting and Landscaping Assessment District No.

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Lieberman said she didn't know why those two were even listed in the assessment, as the money is intended for commercial strip zones, not for open space, he said.

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Principal

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and work with them on solving that problem. He gets to know students right away."

A month into the school year, Rosenbaum said there are still a lot of kids to meet. He doesn't want to waste any time. "I'm used to every kid knowing me," he said.

Before school starts in the morning and after the final bell rings at the end of the day, Rosenbaum hangs out in front of the main building to greet students and their parents. He walks the halls during breaks between classes and mingles with the students at lunch. He cheers on the Albany Cougars at football and volleyball games. "It's important for the principal to be there," he said.

Instead of calling him "Mr. Rosenbaum" or "Principal," many of his students at Oakland Tech called him "uncle" or even "dad." Rosenbaum said he hopes to reach that level of comfort and familiarity with the students at Albany High, as well.

Rosenbaum proudly pointed to the bulletin board in his office, where a photograph of himself and one of his former Oakland Tech students, Leon Powe, was displayed. Powe is now a fresh-



TUE NAM TONISTAFF
RON ROSENBAUM is the new principal at Albany High School.

man at UC Berkeley on a full basketball scholarship.

"Leon came from a really tough situation," Rosenbaum said. "But if you give kids the right environment and stand by them, they'll rise above your expectations."

Above the photo, Rosenbaum had pictures of Cesar Chavez and Miles Davis, two of his heroes. In the early '70s he was drawn to Berkeley because of its political and musical energy. He said his interests in civil rights and music are both alive in his work

as an educator. "Education is political work," he said. "I first found out at a rally that I liked working with young people."

A folk jazz musician himself, Rosenbaum said he discovered he was good at teaching when he realized how similar it was to performing. "I was standing in front of a class one day and it just clicked — it's just like being on stage," he said. "Great educators are really good showbiz people."

Rosenbaum said he's looking forward to a productive year at Albany High. On the agenda are addressing student behavior at nighttime events on campus and increasing student involvement in the decision-making process at the school.

"We need to create a culture where we can trust students to be responsible by adding positive reinforcements" instead of dwelling on negativity, Rosenbaum said.

"But in order to teach responsibility, we as educators have to be responsible, as well. We have to open up dialogue among ourselves and in our community," he said. "The old model of passing information from my mouth to your brain doesn't work."

Carrie Ching is a freelance journalist and a graduate student at UC Berkeley.

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Tax

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Police Employees Association and Lani Puzey, president of union SEIU, Local 790.

Puzei estimated that about 55 people from that service-employees union work within various city departments, many of whom signed a petition supporting the March election.

Resident Sharlene Loretz called herself part of an El Cerrito "silent majority" that appreciates the city government and doesn't want to see city services or staff cut.

"I'm sorry to hear some people think piddly little taxes are too much to pay for civilization," Loretz said.

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Section B

How long does it really take to remodel?



PAUL WINANS
From the Ground Up

I've been considering remodeling for the past couple of years, and you're finally ready to making it a reality. You've been thinking what you want to do with the room to be remodeled, but you've decided what you want to do with the space to accomplish. You've got specific features you want to include. You've also done some research as far as a realistic timeline. You've just begun the right remodeling process to handle the project. You talk with prospective contractors, you're probably asking how long will it take to actually do it? People unfamiliar with the remodeling process are shocked by what a realistic timeline actually looks like, because there are many steps to a project than you might imagine — especially if the job is to be done right.

There is an sample timeline for a kitchen and powder room remodel. This is a "total" timeline, which means that all fixtures and fittings are removed, and rooms are demolished to the studs.

No walls are moved but there is some exterior work where a window is replaced with one of a different size.

- Set up, protections and demolition: 9 days
- Rough carpentry (framing): 5 days
- Rough utilities (electric, plumbing and HVAC): 15 days
- Exterior carpentry, stucco: 15 days (including drying time)
- Insulation and sheetrock or plastering: 6 days
- Finish carpentry including cabinets: 15 days
- Tiling: 5 days for tile counters; 2 days for stone counters
- Painting: 11 days
- Flooring: 2 days if vinyl; 6 days if wood
- Finish utilities (electric, plumbing fixtures installed): 4 days
- Clean up: 2 days
- Total: 85 days, 17 work weeks

Since some of this work is done concurrently — this type of kitchen remodel would typically be done in 12 to 14 weeks.

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Permits

The timeline assumes that you have the necessary permits in place. Permits are required for all work in a kitchen except painting and floor replacement. Securing a

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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

The median price of an existing home in California in September increased 17.9 percent and sales increased 28 percent compared to the same period a year ago, the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) reported recently.

"We're continuing to experience the impact of the recent rise in mortgage interest rates on home sales in California," said C.A.R. president Toby Bradley. "Although interest rates are still near their historic lows, the psychological impact of rising rates has created a heightened

sense of urgency in the housing market."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 631,880 in September at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 local Realtor associations statewide. Statewide home resale activity increased 28 percent from the 493,800 sales pace recorded in September 2002.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2003 would be

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for September 2002, C.A.R. reported. The September 2003 median price decreased 5.0 percent compared to a revised \$400,020 median price in August.

"Year-to-date sales have increased 2.8 percent compared to the same period a year ago, while unsold inventory remained near its record low at 2.1 months in September," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president and chief economist.

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Located in The Uplands of Berkeley's Claremont neighborhood, this (c. 1919) home at 88 The Plaza features original Craftsman detail with recent updating throughout by the noted architect Harley Jensen. A short walk away from the Berkeley Tennis Club, the Claremont Resort, shops and Rockridge BART, the coveted street offers level sidewalks, a true sense of neighborhood, a veritable stroller parade among the many young families as well as the stability of longterm homeowners.

Surrounded by many stately homes, this residence opens to a traditional entry hall, which invites you into a cozy living room with fireplace. The den or study flows from the living room. Original built-ins and distinctive windows accent the formal dining room. The remodeled kitchen features granite counter tops and a sunny breakfast area opening to the large, sunny garden. A gracious staircase leads up to the wonderful bedroom level. Each bedroom is spacious and light. The middle bedroom serves as the master with a walk-in closet and luxurious bath both illuminated by large skylights. The back bedroom overlooks the beautiful gardens and includes a small, enclosed sunporch. The hall bath has also been updated. This is truly a rare opportunity to enjoy the elegant ambiance of the Claremont with the luxury of fine remodeling.

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Report

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housing figures for September 2003.

■ C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in September 2003 was 2.1 months, compared to 2.6 months (revised) for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.15 percent during September 2003, up from 6.09 percent in September 2002, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 3.86 percent in September 2003 compared to 4.29 percent in September 2002.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 26 days in September 2003, compared to a revised 23 days for the same period a year ago.

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and DataQuick Information Systems, 93.7 percent of 354 of 378 cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

DataQuick statistics are based on county records data rather than MLS information. DataQuick Information Systems is a subsidiary of Vancouver-based MacDon Dettwiler and Associates.

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An investment strategy in uncertain times

Over the last decade, stock investors have seen both the best and worst that the market can offer. Many have learned that trying to time the ups and downs of the market and individual stocks is nearly impossible.

While there are many investment strategies that you can use to help manage your portfolio through fluctuations in the market, dollar cost averaging can be one of the most effective. When you use dollar cost averaging, you purchase the same dollar amount of shares at regular intervals, regardless of the price of the shares. Here is an example of how the strategy works:

Assume that you choose to invest \$100 a month in XYZ company stock. Every month, regardless of the price of XYZ stock, you purchase \$100 worth.

Let us say that in January shares of XYZ cost \$5 per share. So, using the money set aside (\$100), you would acquire 20 shares.

In February, the cost for the same investment decreases to \$2.50 per share, so you would be able to purchase 40 shares that month with your \$100.

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shares. As a result, over a month period, you would buy a total of 140 shares.

Looking back, if you invested the same \$600 as in January, you would have only 120 shares of XYZ. At \$5 per share, this equals \$120.

Dollar cost averaging, however, were you able to buy additional shares, but the price you paid for shares from \$5 to about \$4.25.

In hindsight, you may be thinking that you would have been better off investing the money in February instead of June. We all know we can not predict the market, and while the years have shown the market, the next few years will be full of increasing stock.

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it, even shifting it elsewhere would have been monumental.

Bulky pickup day was announced and it occurred to me that if I could just get the behemoth outside, the garbage guys would take it away forever.

It took some doing, several pairs of hands, but we got it out there a day ahead of time. I could hardly wait till the next morning to see it eaten. I was up at 5 a.m. checking the street from my windows. Finally, an hour later, I heard the truck and ran to the best vantage point, my front porch.

I thought the guys might be intimidated by the size of the shelf, but they weren't. Impassively, two men walked to its ends, then effortlessly heaved it into the truck jaws. It was absolutely thrilling. The truck gulped it down taking only a few bites.

I do wish I had a refrigerator or chest freezer, even a big old recliner chair, to feed to the truck. I'd love to see those go. But mostly I have every year a lot of garbage bags full of leaves and plant prunings, sometimes tree limbs. Good to get rid of so much so easily but sorta boring.

Almost always, in my zeal, my annual clean-up and clear-out mode, I put out on the street things I'd meant to donate to charity. People come by and take them. Discarded dishes and pans, extra coffee maker, ratty looking TV tables, all are seen as found treasure by those who come to the neighborhood the day before pickup.

It's great when people want what I don't, when they see something and claim it as their own. It isn't always easy to persuade charities to come collect items, even good and useable ones.

A client recently cleaned out a

house and set aside kitchenware, furniture, and a massive number of clean clothes. He called Salvation Army, a mistake. As promised, they arrived, but the driver rejected the whole lot. There was no time to get someone else. Everything went to the dump.

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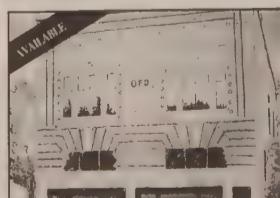
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This marks the 10th year the company has received this award. Winans and the other 499 companies were honored at an awards event in early October.

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Gough

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per share. As you can see, by investing a predetermined amount of money every month, or even on a quarterly basis, you do not have to be as concerned about the actual price of the investment and whether its value is about to rise or fall.

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Talk to your financial consultant about strategies that may work best for your goals and needs.

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Leila Gough is an Associate Vice President with A. G. Edwards in Oakland. She can be reached at 510-452-8060.

Tarpoff

FROM PAGE B3

pink toilet that I was happy to help a neighbor load into her car. She shouted back as she drove away that her husband would probably kill her for taking it. I understand. My son had just dragged home from another neighbor's pile an impossibly awful upholstered chair. He covered it with a sheet and used it in his room until it was added to our discards the next year.

I always put out jigsaw puzzles, ones I've worked and am done with. They're complete in their boxes, the lids taped securely on.

I'm ever hopeful that another jigsaw puzzler will come along and be happy to find them, take them. But it's never happened. Every year the puzzles end up going into the truck.

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The 26th annual Top 500 was published in the September 2003 issue of Qualified Remodeler, and on the magazine's Web site: www.qualifiedremodeler.com.

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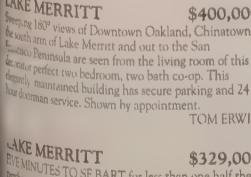
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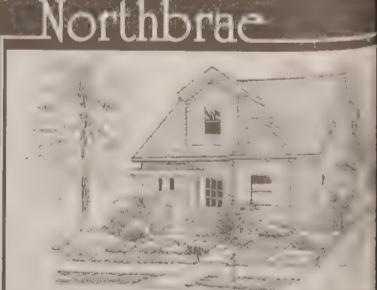
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This historic remodel involved the entire infrastructure including new wiring, plumbing, and hydronic heating with a domestic hot water recovery system, plus foundation and seismic work. Much of the original redwood was saved, re-milled and reinstalled.

Residential Interior under \$100,000: Alamo

Gaylor Construction, Danville, and Zakiyan-Greenough Interiors, Hayward

Removing a wall and adding French doors opened and gave more light to the living room of a dated ranch style home in Alamo. The room's fireplace also was redesigned using natural stone.

Residential Interior over \$100,000: San Francisco

Spark Construction, San

An entire interior remodel of a San Francisco home, this project involved the kitchen, powder room, all bedrooms, relocating some walls, adding a walk-in dressing room and enclosed laundry room, custom skylights, new windows, new roof and sliding doors from the sunroom to the garden.

Residential Addition \$250,000-\$500,000: Fairfax

Beck Custom Builders, Novato

The client wanted an addition to increase the size of the family room downstairs, and upstairs add a studio and an exercise room. The rear facade of the addition also included an outdoor wood-burning fireplace that they could enjoy while soaking in the nearby hot tub.

Designer division awards

Residential Kitchen between \$30,000 to \$60,000: Berkeley

R.A.W. Concepts Architecture, Berkeley, and Tappan Builders, Berkeley

The kitchen of this century-old Berkeley Craftsman bungalow home had last been remodeled in the late 1980s in a stark black and white style. The current owners wished to incorporate a warm Craftsman style where they could prepare food and entertain guests. Dropped beams created a coffered ceiling, and the island work area was enlarged for buffet style dining and casual seating.

Residential Kitchen \$60,000-\$100,000: Penngrove

Mahoney Architects, Tiburon

The owners of this farmhouse in Penngrove wanted to remodel and enlarge their kitchen yet keep the original gas range and ovens as the centerpiece of the design. A local artist painted the custom-made cabinets to make them look like the originals. They also chose a farm-style sink and the open dish display.

Residential Addition less than \$100,000: Alameda

Zakiyan-Greenough Interiors, Hayward

An avid collector of fine southwestern art, the owner wanted to incorporate a casual southwest design into an addition that greatly expanded the kitchen and enlarged the deck of the upstairs master bedroom. The new kitchen features two cooking stations, a large peninsula with seats for five and a second sink, plus French doors and passive solar heating. New windows take advantage of the view, plus provide light and fresh air. The new computer station also serves as a buffet center.

Residential Interior more than \$100,000: Berkeley

R.A.W. Concepts Architecture, Berkeley, and Tappan Builders, Berkeley

True a transformation of interior space, this job restructured existing space beneath the roofline without adding any square footage in order to remodel the master bedroom and bathroom. A closet under the rafters was used to create an extension of the master bath. The tub was located under a low ceiling and roof windows provided additional headroom. A large roof window in the master shower provided a spectacular view of the city plus natural light and additional headroom. The kitchen was also remodeled.

Residential Interior Specialty: Danville

Frazier Tile, Danville

The homeowner wanted to dress up the stove's existing granite backsplash without great expense. Frazier Tile created a mural of mosaic accents and travertine tiles placed on the diagonal. The framed mural was mounted to the existing granite backsplash.

Photos are available on NARI's Web site at www.sfbnari.com.

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4414 Drywood Ct - \$447,500
1025 Eagle Av - \$420,000
3149 Gilbert Ln - \$480,000
3157 Gilbert Ln - \$350,000
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3283 Liberty Av - \$655,000
1562 Lincoln C - \$375,000
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3453 Oleander Dr - \$483,000
2051 Otis Dr #B - \$325,000
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1351 63rd Av - \$225,000
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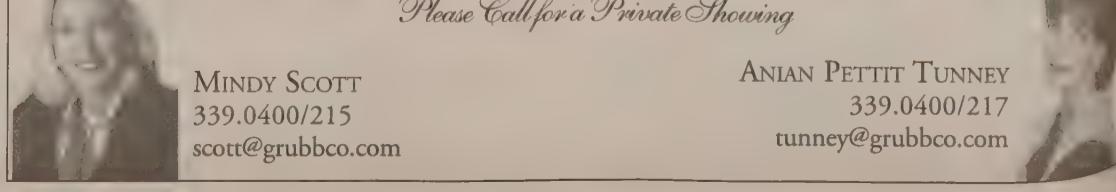
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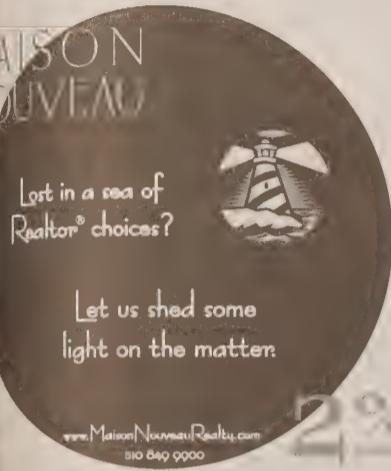
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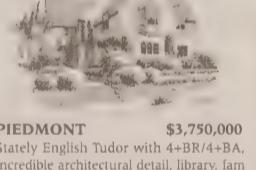
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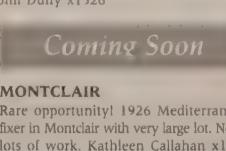
OAKLAND HILLS \$899,000
Killer Bay views! One of 10 homes under
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kitchen, fireplace. David Ichikawa x1331



MONTCLAIR \$889,000
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enchanting outdoor spaces. 3+BR/2.5BA,
2 family rooms. Nancy Moore x1302



OAKLAND \$379,000
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Sales

FROM PAGE B10

By the numbers**ALAMEDA**

TOTAL SALES: 26
LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$950,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$453,327

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$287,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$826,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$528,250

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 22
LOWEST PRICE: \$375,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,316,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$627,568

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$365,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$582,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$485,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$474,389

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$350,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$415,000

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6120 Huntington Avenue

Open 2-4



RICHMOND **\$397,000**
2+3 - Light and bright townhome in Marina Bay. Private, landscaped yard and two-car attached garage. A must see! More information at www.katieandmark.com

2609 Beach Head Court

Open 2-4



EL CERRITO **\$549,000**
3+1.5 - Sunny, spacious Elkhorn style in the hills. Vaulted living room ceiling, renovated kitchen and baths. Large deck for private lounging. Near open space. Must see!

1155 King Court

Open 2-4



ALBANY **\$529,000**
2/1 - Grace and style. Lovingly updated kitchen, granite counter, new bath, gleaming hardwood floors. www.bobblumberg.com

1314 Marin Avenue

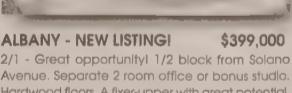
Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW LISTING! **\$549,000**
Fourplex - Very good condition. Low pest. 2 one-bedroom units & 2 non-conforming studios. 3 units have been remodeled. Nice lot, great neighborhood.

2336 Curtis Street

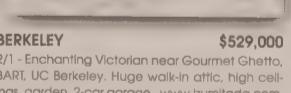
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ALBANY - NEW LISTING! **\$399,000**
2/1 - Great opportunity 1/2 block from Solano Avenue. Separate 2 room office or bonus studio. Hardwood floors. A fixer-upper with great potential.

805 Curtis Street

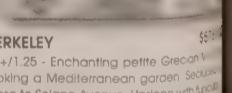
Open 2-4



BERKELEY **\$529,000**
2/1 - Enchanting Victorian near Gourmet Ghetto, BART, UC Berkeley. Huge walk-in attic, high ceilings, garden, 2-car garage. www.izumitada.com

1734 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Open 2-4



BERKELEY **\$289,000**
2+1/2 - Enchanting petite Greek Villa looking a Mediterranean garden. Secluded close to Solano Avenue. Upslope with firs.

1139 The Alameda

Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW LISTING! **\$685,000**
3/1 - Wonderful, spacious home with view. Large sunny living room, formal dining room, fabulous large fenced garden, 2-car garage & more!

419 Boynton Avenue

Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW LISTING! **\$549,000**
2/1 - Sunny level-in home with great fenced yard, deck, hardwood floors, fireplace, garage/studio. Mommies to BART. Nice!

5938 Patton Street

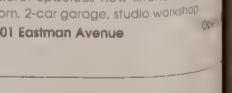
Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY **\$289,000**
LOFT - 840 square foot corner loft with mezzanine, skylights, remodeled kitchen and bath. Photos & more at www.saragarabedian.com

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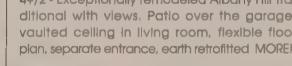
Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW LISTING! **\$373,000**
2+1 - Fabulous! Retro charm meets updated. Spacious new kitchen, formal room, 2-car garage, studio workshop.

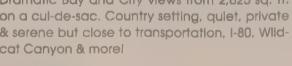
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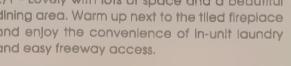
ALBANY **\$615,000**
4+2 - Exceptionally remodeled Albany Hill traditional with views. Patio over the garage, vaulted ceiling in living room, flexible floor plan, separate entrance, earth refinished MORE!

BERKELEY **\$828,000**
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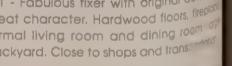
BERKELEY **\$365,000**
2/1 - Spiffy Gourmet Ghetto stand-alone condo. Big deck, Pergo floors, lots of windows, office/workshop. More info and photos at www.heldlandjerry.com



EL CERRITO **\$199,999**
2/1 - Lovely with lots of space and a beautiful dining area. Warm up next to the tiled fireplace and enjoy the convenience of in-unit laundry and easy freeway access.

BERKELEY

Open 2-4



BERKELEY **\$299,000**
2/1 - Fabulous fixer with original details, great character. Hardwood floors, spacious formal living room and dining room, backyard. Close to shops and restaurants.

Open 2-4

Sales

FROM PAGE B12

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$179,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$443,500

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$702,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$855,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$778,500

ELGIN

TOTAL SALES: 123
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,204,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$330,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$384,215

EL MUNDO

TOTAL SALES: 40
LOWEST PRICE: \$210,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,065,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$387,213

EL MUNDO

TOTAL SALES: 34
LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$725,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$405,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$424,103

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$295,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$449,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$385,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$386,538

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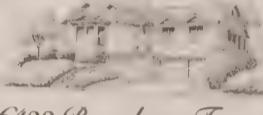
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SPORTS

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Section C

Berkeley making a run at another title

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

The Berkeley High School boys cross country team will be trying to win a second straight league championship title — but in a different league than last year. The Yellow Jackets are one of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League schools competing in cross country this year. Berkeley's boys team was undefeated in league dual meets this year. "The new league, I didn't know what to expect," coach

Dave Goodrich said. "We had a lot of seniors who had been running for four years, so I knew we would be competitive."

In fact, the top seven runners on Berkeley's boys varsity team are seniors. The senior-dominated Yellow Jackets will compete in the BSAL boys varsity championship race at 11 a.m. Saturday at Crab Cove in Alameda. The girls varsity race will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Berkeley's Alex Enscoe, the ACCAL champ the last two years, is the favorite to win the boys title. He is undefeated in league competition.

But the Yellow Jackets have a solid next two runners in Garrett Andre-Johnson and Bradley

Johnson. Andre-Johnson has only been running competitively for two years, Goodrich said.

"I knew he could run fast, but he's been just improving every time. He's pretty talented," Goodrich said.

Enscoe will face competition for the individual title from Albany's Sean Carey, the defending BSAL champion. On Oct. 23, Enscoe finished ahead of Carey by eight seconds in a three-mile race at Tilden Park in Berkeley. On Oct. 2, Enscoe also had a close race against Piedmont. He finished five seconds ahead of Andre-Johnson and 11 seconds ahead of Piedmont's Ricky Griffith in a 2.9 mile

race at Point Pinole in Richmond.

In the girls varsity race, St. Mary's Gabriela Rios-Sotelo is the favorite to defend her BSAL title. She has been undefeated in league meets for the past two years, according to St. Mary's coach Denis Mohun.

"She's been able to become a very relaxed front-runner," Mohun said. "She's definitely become a huge leader."

Piedmont is a strong favorite to defend its girls team title, but Alameda and St. Mary's could challenge for the title. Piedmont and Alameda also have boys teams that could push Berkeley in the race for the title.



BERKELEY'S Alex Enscoe will seek his third consecutive league title at Saturday's BSAL meet. His past two titles came in the ACCAL.

■ NOTEBOOK

Joseph
No. 1 seed
volleyball

Orlando Molina

STAFF WRITER

THE ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL girls volleyball team secured the No. 1 seed in the Bay Shore Athletic League tournament after Tuesday's 25-22, 25-15, 25-19 league victory over Piedmont. The Pilots (12-1 BSAL) entered their final match of the season tied with Alameda, which had a bye, atop the standings. But because they beat the Cougars in their regular season meet, the tie-breaker and the No. 1 seed goes to St. Joseph. Anna Sudarsana spearheaded the Pilots' attack with 11 aces and 16 digs. Senior performance throughout the season drew lots of praise from Pilots coach Marcus Young.

"Three of the top players are seniors," Young said. "She hasn't had a match all year," he said. "She's up all her opponents."

Young's sister, Kerri, also played a major role in beating the Cougars, adding 11 aces and seven blocks.

POOPS: The BSAL felt

bad Oct. 30 when the forgotten squad from

James pulled off a 25-19,

26-28, 25-15, 16-14 victory over St. Mary's.

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■ NOTEBOOK

CS golf an
eye-opener
Hercules

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

IT WAS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE for the Hercules girls golf team's North Coast Section tournament on Monday.

The Indians, who won the regular-season and tournament titles this season, started 18th at the NCS championships with a score of 599.

They finished 18th at the NCS golf course management competition, which they won.

"We don't see a lot of girls golfers close to us, so they do well," Hercules co-coach

Peggy Pegg said. "The girls were kind of stunned."

Pegg said his team is

on its way on the learning

process of playing the

golf course management

competition," he said.

He said that Hercules had an 18-hole competition, while Tom Pegg had a round of 113, the best he had achieved.

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PREP FOOTBALL



ALBANY'S Drew Southern tries to break free from Piedmont tackler Daniel Cohen during the Highlanders' 42-14 victory Friday.

TUE NAM TON/STAFF

St. Mary's deals Swett first loss

■ Panthers convert three fumbles into touchdowns in BSAL upset; Berkeley withstands a challenge from De Anza

By Joe Stiglich

STAFF WRITER

For a football team that's struggled at times with turnovers this season, St. Mary's High School sure knew what to do when the loose balls started bouncing its way Saturday.

The Panthers converted three John Swett fumbles into 21 unanswered points in the second half and shocked the visiting Indians 21-7 in Bay Shore Athletic League action, handing John Swett its first defeat.

"We've been losing turnovers all year," St. Mary's running back Jason Haller said. "That was huge to get one back."

St. Mary's (4-4, 2-1 BSAL) trailed 7-0 in the third quarter and had shown little signs of life offensively when Tyler Reid recovered a fumbled snap on the Indians 43-yard line.

That break lit a fire under the Panthers. It took just four plays before Haller scored from a yard

out to tie the game.

Swett (7-1, 2-1) tried a half-back pass on its next offensive play, but Marshaun Dyer was drilled by Jon Taranto and coughed up the ball, with Josh Tatum recovering for St. Mary's at Swett's 33.

This time, Haller scored on an 8-yard run for a 14-7 Panthers lead with 52 seconds left in the third.

No one in a John Swett uniform was immune to the turnover bug. Standout running back Nate Boatwright never seemed to get a handle on a handoff on the next drive, and St. Mary's Gavin Yates pounced on the loose ball.

David Pezzola found Will Reid open on a seam pattern for a 17-yard touchdown and a 21-7 lead to end the flurry with 9:48 left.

"We've got some young kids," Indians coach John Angell said. "We made a lot of mistakes today and it came back and got us."

The forced turnovers highlighted a tremendous defensive effort by St. Mary's. Boatwright, who entered the game as the region's leading rusher and was averaging 179.6 yards per game, was held to 88 yards on 20 carries.

"Me and Fred work together pretty good," Haller said. "He usually gets the 100-yard games, though."

Berkeley 21, De Anza 10: The Yellow Jackets were facing a crossroads in the third quarter Friday against De Anza.

A fired-up Dons squad had just taken a 10-7 lead when John Smith blocked a Berkeley punt out of the end zone for a safety.

On their ensuing drive, the Dons advanced to the Berkeley 18.

"We practiced against that offense all week," said Haller, who also plays safety. "We had to stuff their linemen and get to Boatwright before he got in the open field."

After gaining just 63 yards in the first half, St. Mary's went to an unbalanced offensive line and overpowered the Indians' defensive front in the second half, running behind linemen Taranto and Ed Cheveres.

Haller began ripping off huge chunks of yards and finished with a career-high 106 yards.

Fred Hives normally is St. Mary's featured back, but the senior showed up late and missed his team's first two offensive series while taking the SAT exam. He still finished with 78 yards.

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But in 31 seconds, the momentum swung for good.

Berkeley linebacker Alphonso Thomas recovered a fumble, and two plays later, Yellow Jackets quarterback Jeff Spellman connected with Roberto McBean for a 70-yard touchdown pass with 4:13 left in the third period. Berkeley outgained De Anza 164-45 the rest of the way for the ACCAL victory.

"We were waiting for something to happen all game," Berto, with his speed, was able to break free and he did the rest," Spellman said.

Spellman went 9-for-13 for 161 yards in the second half. The senior finished the game 15-for-24 for 231 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions for Berkeley (6-1, 5-0 ACCAL).

Yellow Jackets leading rusher Antoine Cokes went out with a chipped tooth and did not carry the ball in the second half. Cokes, who suffered his injury while playing defense, rushed for a game-high 59 yards on nine carries. Teammate Theodore Johnson added 56 yards on eight carries, including a 24-yard touchdown run in the fourth.

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TODAY'S FOOTBALL GAMES

BSAL

Albany at St. Patrick

■ WHERE: St. Patrick High School, 1500 Benicia Road, Vallejo

■ WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

■ RECORDS: Albany 1-7, 1-2 BSAL; St. Patrick 5-3, 1-2 BSAL

■ LAST WEEK: Albany lost to Piedmont 42-14. St. Patrick beat Kennedy 26-15.

■ FACTS: A 20-point second quarter was the downfall for the Cougars against Piedmont. Albany has allowed league opponents 109 points this season. The Bruins gained 25 yards on the ground against Kennedy, including 93 yards each by Edward Blakeley and Brett Muratori.

St. Mary's at Kennedy

■ WHERE: Kennedy High School, 4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond

■ WHEN: 3 p.m.

■ LAST WEEK: St. Mary's beat John Swett 21-7; Kennedy lost to St. Patrick 26-15.

■ RECORDS: St. Mary's 4-4, 2-1 BSAL; Kennedy 0-7, 0-3

■ FACTS: The Panthers converted six fumbles into four turnovers in their upset win over the Indians last week. The Panthers defense managed to hold Nate Boatwright, who entered the game as the region's leading rusher, to 88 yards. Scoring 27 points in their last three games, the Eagles continue to struggle.

ACAL

Alameda at Berkeley

■ WHERE: Berkeley High School, 2246 Milvia St., Berkeley

■ WHEN: 7 p.m.

■ RECORDS: Alameda 7-1, 5-0 ACCAL; Berkeley 6-1, 5-0 ACCAL

■ LAST WEEK: Alameda beat Hercules 34-6; Berkeley beat De Anza 21-10.

■ FACTS: This game could very well decide the ACCAL title. Both teams have not lost since their opening games of this season. Berkeley ranks first in ACCAL play in points scored (176) and points allowed (25). Alameda is second in both categories (169 points scored and 50 points allowed). Alameda has limited five opponents to fewer than 10 points in a game this season, and Berkeley has kept four opponents to fewer than 10 points. Berkeley has two shutouts this season, and Alameda has one.

El Cerrito at Encinal

■ WHERE: Encinal High School, 210 Central Avenue, Alameda

■ WHEN: 7 p.m.

■ RECORDS: El Cerrito 5-2-1, 4-1; Encinal 5-2-1, 3-2

■ LAST WEEK: El Cerrito beat Richmond 43-20. Encinal lost to Pinole Valley 31-27.

■ FACTS: Encinal rallied from a 28-7 third-quarter deficit to give Pinole Valley a scare last week. El Cerrito briefly trailed Pinole Valley in the first quarter before taking control.

PREP TENNIS

Berkeley duo enjoys instant success

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

Berkeley High School's Clara Mattei and Ari Anisimov were queens of the tiebreaker Wednesday at the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League girls tennis championships.

The sophomores used two tiebreaker wins to defeat Alameda's Amanda Hanley and Sarah Yuen 7-6 (4), 7-6 (6) in the league's doubles final at Alameda High School.

Mattei and Anisimov won in their first competition as a doubles team.

"We're just really good friends, so I think that makes a lot of difference," Mattei said. "We can understand each other in the game, as well."

Alameda freshman Jennifer Lau beat two-time defending champion Megan Sweeney of Berkeley 7-5, 6-3 in the singles final.

With the victories, Lau and the Berkeley doubles team automatically advance to the North Coast Section Singles & Doubles Championship on Nov. 18-19 at Pleasanton Tennis Complex.

In the first set of the doubles final, Mattei and Anisimov took a 5-4 lead, but Hanley and Yuen battled back to take a 6-5 lead. The Berkeley duo forced a tiebreaker, though, and an Anisimov forehand winner gave her team the first set.

In the second tiebreaker, a Yuen backhand winner tied the score at 6-6. But Mattei and Anisimov followed with volley winners to capture the championship.

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ON DECK

JC men's basketball

■ Sacramento City at Contra Costa, 7 p.m. Saturday — The Comets open the season early against the Panthers.

Prep cross country

■ Bay Shore Athletic League championships, 10:30 a.m. varsity girls, 11 a.m. varsity boys at Crab Cove in Alameda — Berkeley's boys team tries for its second straight league championship title, but in the BSAL this time.

Girls volleyball

■ BSAL playoffs, Tuesday TBA — The march to possible North Coast Section competition begins.

Encinal at Berkeley, 5 p.m.

Thursday — The Yellow Jackets would like to avenge their only league loss of the season.

Stars of the week

■ Jason Haller, St. Mary's football — Haller rushed for a career-high 106 yards and scored two second-half touchdowns as the Panthers upset John Swett 21-7.

■ Jeff Spellman, Berkeley football — Spellman completed 15 of his 24 passes for 231 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions in the Yellow Jackets' 21-10 win over De Anza.

■ Ryan Shaifer, El Cerrito football — Shaifer rushed for a game-high 77 yards on nine carries and scored a touchdown in the Gauchos' 43-20 victory over Richmond.

■ Brittney Murray, St. Mary's girls volleyball — Murray had 12 kills, five blocks, 17 digs and 18 assists in the Panthers' 25-19, 22-25, 26-28, 25-15, 16-14 loss to Holy Names.

■ Emma Spearman, Albany girls volleyball — Spearman had 14 kills and five aces in the Cougars' 25-6, 25-12, 25-8, 25-10 win over John Swett, then she had 12 kills and three aces in Albany's 25-6, 25-12, 25-10 victory over St. Patrick.

'Elephant': A plodding drama

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

With "Elephant," evidence is mounting that Gus Van Sant, after a dalliance with Hollywood, is in a strange phase. One more film like this and it may turn into a genuine Period, as in Picasso's Blue Period. Except this one would have to be called Van Sant's Molasses Period, as in Slower Than.

Like "Gerry," Van Sant's last film, in which two young men (Matt Damon and Casey Affleck) got lost in the wilderness while carrying on the world's most inane conversation, "Elephant" travels at the speed of real life, not reel life. It is aggravating, but again, like "Gerry," not dismissible. Despite the fact that the film depicts a day in which a Columbine-like high school shooting takes place, you could be forgiven for finding it dull.

Students, all portrayed by nonprofessional actors, amble through the halls, enduring gym class, gossiping, going to the library — in short, doing what kids do. Occasionally, Van Sant includes a shot of clouds in an autumn sky, or takes us outdoors, where the bright fallen leaves are starting to add up on the ground.

"Elephant," which takes its title from Alan Clarke's 1989 BBC film "Elephant" about violence in Northern Ireland, which in

REVIEW

■ WHAT: "Elephant"

■ STARRING: Alex Frost, Eric Deulen, John Robinson, Elias McConnell, Jordan Taylor, Carrie Finckie, Timothy Bottoms

■ RATING: R (violence)

■ RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 21 minutes

■ WHERE: Opens today at the Act 1 and 2, Berkeley, and the Embarcadero Center Cinemas, S.F.

■ GRADE: B-

turn was referencing the old saying about a problem being as easy to ignore as an elephant in the living room, takes no stance on school shootings. It presents no explanations or motivations for mass murder (unless you count being hit by spitballs as rationale). It's unemotional about the killings, almost hard-hearted. In their last minutes on Earth, we watch three friends — Brittany, Jordan and Nicole — bitch their way through a few bites of lunch and then head to the bathroom for a shared bout of bulimia.

In the time we spend with these nasty girls, we see nothing redeeming about them beyond being life forms. One wonders if Van Sant wants us to

believe that some teenage lives aren't worth much.

What "Elephant" does give us is a mounting sense of dread, coupled with a feeling of being hypnotized by the mundane. In the latter respect, it may be most acute in capturing the feelings of the killers themselves, here known as Alex (Alex Frost) and Eric (Eric Deulen). Nothing is happening at this high school, nothing at all, and it starts to drive us crazy, to the point where we want, as Alex and Eric and all the real-life boys with guns must have, something monumental to happen. Right now.

This dread is powerful; it carries us through many long, uneventful tracking shots. Tellingly, once the shooting starts, there's nothing left to engage us, and we start to feel as aimless as Alex and Eric. They wander around looking for new victims, frustrated that they all seem to have fled, while we start to long for the movie to be over.

Is it enough to be presented with this stark depiction of the Columbine killings, set and shot in the Northwest? Through television and news accounts, we already know the story. "Elephant" puts us there, in those hallways, treading just behind the students and killers, but beyond that, it serves about the same purpose as what's called a tick-tock in the



IN THE ZONE: Alex Frost stares off into space in Gus Van Sant's slow-paced "Elephant."

newspaper business, in which a narrative presents events as they happened.

Van Sant could probably make an eloquent argument for his decision to stay so removed. Maybe he'd say our society needs to face up to what it's wrought, and that it's our job to figure out the whys. That's probably what the French thought when they gave Van Sant the best director award at Cannes this year, as well as handing the film the coveted Palme d'Or.

If the goal of the movie is simply to be disturbing and thought-provoking, then it succeeds. But there's something needlessly cruel about "Elephant's" refusal to shed any light on its subject matter.

At the time of the slaughter at Columbine, school shootings had become sadly familiar to Americans. We seemed stuck on replay: the same disaffected boys, the same futile search for answers, the new set of movies or mass media to blame. It

seemed as though one would beget another, would beget another. It's not Van Sant's job to why it all happened, or to us feel any more resolved.

On the other hand, our faces in it doesn't have much purpose. Ready did that for us.

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Reviews

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nonetheless too maudlin and adoring to be effective. — D. Germain. (PG; mild language, thematic elements.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. C+

"RUNAWAY JURY": The typical formulaic John Grisham thriller where you know right will prevail, against considerable odds, but you still have fun trying to figure out precisely how. This one works because it features so much ambiguity. The only clear-cut good guy is Dustin Hoffman as an idealistic attorney challenging gun manufacturers. Gene Hackman is the shark trying to rig the jury, and John Cusack plays a prospective juror with a hidden agenda and a greedy girlfriend. Not deep, and it doesn't stretch Hackman and Hoffman's acting capacities, but suspenseful and engaging. — M. Pols. (PG-13; violence, language and thematic elements.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. B

"SCARY MOVIE 3": The Wayans brothers have passed the scary-movie spoof baton to the "Airplane" guys, with tepid results. The movie has no edge, no "fear." It plays like 80 minutes of "Naked Gun" rejects, complete with an aging, less funny Leslie Nielsen, a sputtering Charlie "Hot Shots" Sheen, and for good measure, Pamela Anderson. — R. Moore. (PG-13; pervasive crude and sexual humor, language, comedic violence and drug references.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. D

"SCHOOL OF ROCK": Jack Black stars as Dewey Finn in this happy, crowd-pleasing package with an off-beat, slightly demented script. He's a guitarist with delusions of being a musical deity. Fired from his latest ensemble, desperate for cash to enter a battle-of-the-bands contest and have his revenge, Dewey passes himself off as his substitute-teacher roommate (Mike White) and takes a job at a swank prep school. Put Black in a classroom of uptight, uniformed over-achievers who now have an aimless sub for a teacher, and watch the sparks fly. — R. Moore. (PG-13; rude humor and drug references.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B+

"SPELLBOUND": This Academy Award-nominated documentary is ostensibly about the National Spelling Bee, told through the stories of eight kids who made it to the 1999 finals. But that makes it sound so dry, and this is such a passionate and engaging movie. You fall hard for eight very

distinct and somewhat peculiar children, and at the same time, are movingly reminded of all the best things about the melting pot and the American dream. Sharp, clever editing enhances the natural tension of the bee, and filmmakers Jeff Blitz and Sean Welch know how to use irony while remaining good-hearted and true to their subjects. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 37 minutes. A

"THE STATION AGENT": A reticent dwarf, a grieving mother and a chatty hot-dog vendor walk into a bar. Actually, they drink beer on a porch, but you get the idea. It sounds like the setup to a joke, but it's the premise of this small film bursting with insightful humor, unforced poignancy and beautifully drawn characters. Peter Dinklage, Patricia Clarkson and Bobby Cannavale vividly portray three lonely people in rural New Jersey who form an unlikely social circle, despite their antisocial tendencies. That they're all oddballs and misfits may sound a bit too precious, but writer-director Tom McCarthy has developed the characters beautifully. — C. Lemire. (R; language, some drug content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B+

"THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE": Here it is, a slaughterhouse set in a slaughterhouse, complete with body parts, internal organs, bloody sports, torture, senseless murder and mayhem. It's a tale of teens on their way to a Lynyrd Skynyrd concert in 1973. They pick up the wrong hitchhiker, stop to call for help in the wrong town and wind up hunted by Leatherface, the prototype for every faceless, soulless monster from Jason to Buffalo Bill. This is as depressing as movies get. — R. Moore. (R; strong horror violence/gore, language and drug content.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. D-

"THIRTEEN": It's the story of two teenage girls who have just moved past stuffed animals into sex, shoplifting and self-mutilation. We follow Tracy (Evan Rachel Wood) in her abrupt transformation from good girl to sullen troublemaker, under the wing of seductive bad seed Eve (Nikki Reed). Tracy's mom (played by Holly Hunter) seems clueless and overwhelmed. The story occasionally veers into melodrama. In addition to Tracy's sudden conversion to sex, drugs, piercing and purse-snatching, almost all the adults are recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. The film has been rated R, which raises one troubling question: How can a movie with so much to say to adolescent girls be off-limits to them unless they're accompanied by a parent or guardian? — B. Newman. (R; profanity, sexuality, drug use, scenes of self-mutilation.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

"TIBET: CRY OF THE SNOW LION": Tom Peosay's documentary is an impeccably made and often moving account of the captive nation of Tibet, forcibly annexed by China more than 50 years ago. Using material gathered during 10 years, the film func-

tionally overwrought and cautious, but it does make one dangerous leap, a suggestion for the motivation behind Plath's suicide that scholars will probably dispute. Plath's mother, Blythe Danner, shows up as Plath's mother, a great bit of casting that feels wasted when we only get one sharp, suggestive scene between them. — M. Pols. (R; sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B-

"UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN": Generalizations are risky, but anyone wanting to know the answer to the eternal question "What do women want?" (or rather, women over 35) need look no farther than Audrey Wells' frothy adaptation of Frances Mayes' best seller. A woman (Diane Lane) gets dumped, despairs, goes sightseeing in Italy, buys a run-down villa in a small Tuscan hill town, cooks fabulous meals for friends, takes a gorgeous lover and essentially assumes a whole new identity. This is how we should all be dumped. The really nice thing about the movie, aside from Lane's warm, vulnerable performance, is its focus on how we recover from lost love, rather than the pursuit of a fresh one. — M. Pols. (PG-13; sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. B+

"WINGED MIGRATION": Jacques Perrin's breathtaking documentary of migrating birds transports you to an

exalted realm, where nature under its own inviolable laws much of the movie. After 15 years using five crews — in pilots and 14 cinematographe the camera flies alongside and below many species as they make their annual round

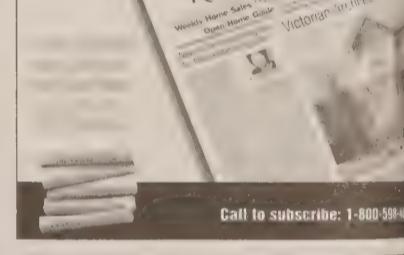
sound faceless, but "Migration" provides such a vicarious experience of soaring airborne creatures that the theater feeling like a member of another species.

Joel Schumacher makes the mistake of opening his film with Guerin's brutal murder and then flashing back to depict the incidents that preceded her death. Knowing how she died and just how much her husband and children are about to lose, it's tough to sit there and admire Guerin for her spunk and determination to stand up for what she believes. — J. Baltake.

(R; violence, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C

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Events

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"Mothers Against": Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 3, Dec. 14, Dec. 21, Dec. 27, 7 p.m.; Nov. 18, Nov. 20, Nov. 21, Nov. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 5, Dec. 9, Dec. 13, Dec. 18, Dec. 20, Dec. 26, 8 p.m.; Nov. 23, Nov. 26, Dec. 7, Dec. 10, Dec. 28, 7 p.m. "Daughters of the Revolution": Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 3, Dec. 14, Dec. 21, Dec. 27, 7 p.m.; Nov. 22, Nov. 28, Dec. 2, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 12, Dec. 16, Dec. 19, Dec. 23, Dec. 27, 8 p.m.; Nov. 23, Nov. 29, Dec. 7, Dec. 13, Dec. 20, Dec. 28, 2 p.m. \$43 to \$55. Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, (888) 4BRTRIX or www.berkeleyleap.org.

CENTRAL WORKS THEATER ENSEMBLE — "Lionheart: The Last Great Crusade" by Gary Graves, through Nov. 23. A new look at one of the most famous kings of England, who led the Third Crusade against his archrival of the Islamic world, Saladin. \$8 to \$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley 510-558-1381 or www.centralworks.org.

CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE — "Forever Plaid" by Stuart Ross and James Ratt, through Nov. 29. On the night the Beatles first played in America, a free auto accident kills the members of The Plaids. Twenty-six years later, the nerd doo-wop group is given one night on earth to fulfill their dreams of what could have been. A '50s-style music revue \$20. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.; NO PERFORMANCES NOV. 14 THROUGH NOV. 16. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132

EXPERIMENTAL GROUP YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE (EGYP) — CLOSING — "The Congregation" by Minnie Gibson and Era Hayles, closing Nov. 9. The church body runs the church and every preacher hired to lead it, until one comes who cannot be moved.

\$15. Thursday through Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 3 p.m. 5306 Foothill Blvd., Oakland. 510-436-4877 or www.egyptheatre.com

IMPACT THEATRE — Now permanently housed under a pizza restaurant dinner and a show is available if you like pizza. "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare. Nov. 7 through Dec. 13. A fast-paced, bloody version of the tale of a Scottish nobleman's obsessive quest for

power. \$15 general, \$10 students and seniors. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid St., Berkeley. 510-444-4468 or www.impacttheatre.com

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — "The Fruitable Project," Nov. 7, 8 p.m. A community-based experimental theatre performance showcasing Latino spoken word artists. \$10-12

Aya de Leon, Nov. 9, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

A performance of a one-woman hip-hop theatre show "Thieves in the Temple: The Reclaiming of Hip Hop," as well as Bill Santiago's "Spanish 101."

\$5-12. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-256-2658 or www.lapena.org.

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE — "1940s Radio Hour" by Walton Jones, through Dec. 13. A musical comedy featuring a "Cavalcade of Stars" rehearsal for a Christmas radio show in New York City in 1943.

\$15. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 2:30

p.m. 105 Park Place, Point Richmond 510-232-4031 or www.masquers.org

OAKLAND BOX THEATER — "The Oakland Poetry Slam," first and third Thursdays, 8 p.m. to midnight. An open mic poetry and music event followed by a performance by touring poets of national acclaim. The night ends with a poetry slam in which poets compete to get to the finals for a place on the 2004 Oakland Slam Team. \$10. 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-451-1932 or www.oaklandbox.com

TRANSPARENT THEATER — "The No Ghost Hamlet" by William Shakespeare, through Nov. 23. The original dialogue of Shakespeare's play has been placed into a modern, domestic setting with Hamlet, as a woman, arriving home from college to mourn her father's death, only to find her mother set to marry her abusive uncle. In addition, Hamlet is having an affair with her neighbor, Ophelia.

\$14 general, \$8 seniors, students. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Durham Studio Theater, Bancroft

\$25; Thursday, pay-what-you-can

Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.;

Sunday, 7 p.m. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-883-0305 or www.transparenttheater.org

TRAVELING JEWISH THEATER AND WORD FOR WORD — "Windows and Mirrors: Stories by Paley, Malamud and Biller," through Nov. 9

\$20 to \$28 general; \$20 seniors, students, children. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2650 College Ave., Berkeley. 925-798-1300

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"Hawaiian Music Environmental Benefit," Nov. 9, 6 p.m. A night of Hawaiian and island music. \$12

Countablu, Nov. 11, 8:30 p.m. \$9

NC Blue Connection, Nov. 12, 9 p.m. \$9

Liberian Schools Benefit with Sia Amma, Nov. 13, 8:30 p.m. \$10 to \$20

Wadi Gad, Cosmo, DJ Sister Yasmin, Crucial Dance Riddims, Nov. 14, 9:30 p.m. \$12

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POWER — "The Power of the People," Nov. 7, 8 p.m. A look at the 2000 election and the role of the people in it. \$10-\$12. 7 p.m. 1000 4th St., Berkeley. 510-558-1354 or www.power.org

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Nicole McRory, Nov. 8 and Nov. 12

O'Dab, Nov. 13

Dr Masseuse, Nov. 14

Autumn, Nov. 15

Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-647-1790 or

www.beckettsirishpub.com.

BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, Mondays, \$4.

For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510-548-0886 or www.blakesonthe-

graph.com

DOWNTOWN — Trio Paradiso dinner

event, Nov. 7.

Rhonda Benin, Nov. 8

Mimi Fox Solo Guitar, Nov. 11

Jules Broussard, Bing Nathan, Ned

Boynon, Nov. 12

Ken El Lebrano Flamenco Guitar, Nov

13.

Ned Boynton, Nov. 14.

Marcos Silva, Nov. 15

Free. Tuesday through Thursday at 8

p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berke-

ley, 510-649-3810 or www.downtown-

restaurant.com

FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — Chris

Smith, Peter Mulvey, Nov. 7 and

Nov. 8, \$17.50 to \$18.50

Bill Amatneek, Charlie Chin, Nov. 9.

\$15.50 to \$16.50

Ken Waldman, Nov. 11, \$15.50 to

\$16.50

Terri Hendrix, Lloyd Maines, Nov. 12.

\$15.50 to \$16.50

Tin Hat Trio, Nov. 13, \$16.50 to \$17.50

Lost Weekend, Nov. 14, \$16.50 to

\$17.50

Roy Rogers and Norton Buffalo, Nov.

15, \$20.50 to \$21.50.

Dan Bern, Susanne, Nov. 16, \$17.50 to

\$18.50

Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise

noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley

510-548-1761 or 510-762-BASS or

www.freightandsalvage.org

KIMBALLS EAST — Down to the Bone,

Nov. 7 through Nov. 9, \$28.

Wayman Tisdale, Nov. 14 and Nov. 15

\$30

Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10

p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. 6005

Shellmond St., Emeryville, 510-762-

BASS or www.kimballs.com.

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Lichi

Fuentes, Nov. 8, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$14

Alfonso Maya, Nov. 13, 8 p.m. \$10

"Noche De SKAtemoc," Nov. 14, 9 p.m.

Featuring Tokadiscos, La Plebe, La

Banda Skalavera \$10 to \$12

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-849-

2568 or www.lapena.org.

MCGRATH'S IRISH PUB — "Sea

Chanteys and Songs of the Water-

ways," Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Free. 1539 Lincoln Ave., Alameda, 510-

552-6263 or www.mcgrathspub.com.

924 GILMAN ST. — Time For Living,

Physical Challenge, Tarkar, Nov. 7.

Thought Riot, F Minus, Afront, Go It

Alone, Nov. 8.

Fabulous Disaster, Butcher and Smear,

Pin Up Motels, Beautiful Engine, Nov

14

Bananas, I Farm, Stivs, Mermaid-Uni-

corn, Problem, Nov. 15.

All ages welcome. Shows are \$5 and

start at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted

924 Gilman St., Berkeley, 510-525-

9926 or www.924gilman.org

OAKLAND BOX THEATER — Pick-

pocket Ensemble, Glass Bead Game,

Nov. 15, 8 p.m. \$10 to \$20

"Tuesday Night Oakland Box Series," 8

p.m. Live and experimental music, \$6

to \$1000.

1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, 510-451-

1932 or www.oaklandbox.com.

"PRAISES FOR THE WORLD" — Nov.

15, 7 p.m. A celebration of music,

dance and words with Jennifer

Berezan and friends. Performers in-

clude Wilma Mankiller and Eve Ensler

\$32 to \$75. Scottish Rite Center, 1547

Lakeside Drive, Oakland, 510-919-

5794 or www.edgeofwonder.com.

QUINN'S LIGHTHOUSE — The Star-

board Watch featuring Skip Hender-

son, Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Free. 51 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland

510-536-2050

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Asylum

Street Spankers, Nov. 7, \$14

Casey Nell, Little Sue, Nov. 8, \$7.

Faraway Brothers, Bingo Band, Nov. 13.

\$5

20 Minute Loop, Bitesize, Ex-Boy

Friends, Nov. 14, \$7

Naked Babes, The Jolenes, Nov. 15.

\$7

For ages 21 and over unless otherwise

noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8

p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday

9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-

841-2026

STORK CLUB — Stage Rage, Second

Date, Teeze, Nov. 8

The Peasants, Everen, Pet Cassani,

Nov. 11.

The Shakes, Nov. 13

Just-Fri, Mojo Apostles, Nov. 14

Eddie Haskell, Kills The Pain, Love Kills

Love, The Aversions, Titicaca Man,

Nov. 15

\$5 All shows at 9 p.m. unless otherwise

noted. 2330 Telegraph Ave., Oakland,

510-444-6174 or www.storkcluboak-

land.com

YOSHIS — Dr. John, Nov. 5 through

Nov. 9, \$24 to \$28

Conference Call, Gebhard Ullman, Nov

10, \$10 to \$15

Carmen Lundy, Regina Carter, Nov. 11

\$10 to \$18.

Mike Vax Jazz Orchestra, Cami Thomp-

son, Nov. 12, \$12

Pat Martino Quintet, Nov. 13 through

Nov. 16, \$10 to \$20

Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8

p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and

8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510

Embarcadero West, Oakland, 510-

238-9200, www.yoshis.com or

www.ticketweb.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC

ANDREA BOCELLI — Nov. 8, 8 p.m.

Accompanied by the Fresno Philhar-

monic, with Ana Maria Martinez, sop-
ranos, and Steven Mercurio conduct-

\$45 to \$350. Arena in Oakland, 7000

Coliseum Way, Oakland, 510-762-

2277 or www.tickets.com.

CAL PERFORMANCES — Emanuel Ax,

piano, Nov. 9, 3 p.m. \$32 to \$56

St. Petersburg String Quartet, Nov. 15, 8

p.m. Performing a program of cham-

ber music. At First Congregational

Church, 2345 Channing Way, \$42.

St. Peterburg Academic State Capella,

Nov. 16, 3 p.m. Vladislav Cher-

nushenko conducting. \$24 to \$46

Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, 510-642-9988 or

www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

FOUR SEASONS CONCERTS

Richard and John Contiguglia, Nov. 8,

7:30 p.m. The piano duo will perform

music by Schubert, Percy Grainger

and Liszt.

\$25 to \$35. Calvin Simmons Theatre, 10

10th St., Oakland, 510-451-0775 or

www.fourseasonsconcerts.com

MUSICOURCES — Richard Troeger,

clavichord, Nov. 2, 5 p.m. Performing

works by Haydn, Mozart and C.P.E.

Bach.

\$18 general; \$15 seniors and students.

1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley

510-528-1685

OAKLAND EAST BAY SYMPHONY

— Opening Night Concert, Nov. 14, 8

p.m. Featuring music by Beethoven,

Mason Bates, Samuel Zyman and An-

dronov Dvorak. Michael Morgan con-

ducting. Featuring Elena Duran, flute

\$15 to \$58. Paramount Theatre, 2025

Broadway, Oakland, 510-625-8497 or

www.cebs.org.

OAKLAND SYMPHONY CHORUS

— Nov. 8 and Nov. 9. Performing music

by Bach and Mendelssohn.

\$18 general; \$14 seniors, students. Sat-

urday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m. First

Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison

St., Oakland, 510-207-4093.

OAKLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA

— Nov. 16, 3 p.m. Performing music by

J.S. Bach, Haydn and Prokofiev.

\$12 general; \$8 seniors, students. All

Temple Baptist Church, 8501 Interna-

tional Blvd., Oakland, 510-832-7710 or

www.yo.org.

SAN FRANCISCO EARLY MUSIC SO-

CIETY — "The Mozartean Players,"

Nov. 15, 8 p.m. A "Hauskonzert" of

trios and a Mozart fortepiano work

\$22 to \$25. St. John's Presbyterian

Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley,

510-528-1725 or www.sfems.org.

SAN FRANCISCO TAIKO DOJO

— "The 35th Anniversary of the Interna-

tional Taiko Festival," Nov. 22 and

Nov. 23. A festival featuring drummers

from around the world.

\$22 to \$36. Zellerbach Hall, University



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SINGER CESARIA EVORA, who has made the music of her tiny island country off the coast of a worldwide phenomenon, returns to the Bay Area on another concert tour next week, and she some new songs in tow. In two Berkeley concerts, the six-time Grammy nominee will mix some older works with cuts from her new album "Voz D'Amor" (Voice of Love) that landed in stores in September. Cesaria Evora performs 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft at Telegraph Avenue, UC Berkeley. Tickets are \$24-\$48. Contact 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

OF CALIFORNIA, Telegraph Avenue and Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 510-642-9988 or www.talkodjo.org.

TRINITY CHAMBER CONCERTS — Kazuko Cleary, piano, Nov. 1, 8 p.m. A concert of works by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Takemitsu.

FARALLON BRASS ENSEMBLE, Nov. 15, 8 p.m. Performing music by Eugene Bozza.

\$12 general; \$8 seniors and students. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley, 510-549-3864.

UC ALUMNI CHORUS — "Waging Peace," Nov. 9, 3 p.m. Featuring music by Benjamin Britten, Kirke Mechem and a variety of peace-themed works,

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of California, Telegraph Avenue and Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 510-642-9988 or www.talkodjo.org.

OHONE GREENWAY — A 3.75-mile paved trail converted from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. Suitable for strollers and skaters. The trail runs under elevated BART tracks from Conlon and Key Streets in El

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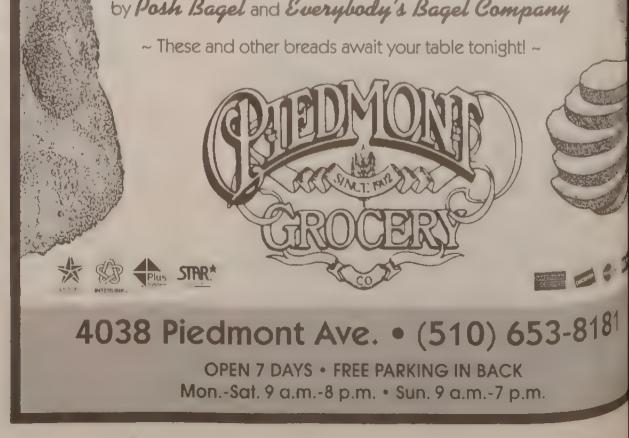
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in Israel by Micha Bar-Am. Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Center for Photography, 121 North Gate Hall, UC Berkeley Campus, Berkeley, 510-642-3383.

MUSEUMS

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — "Walls of Heritage/Walls of Pride: African American Murals," through Dec. 31. An exhibit of historical and contemporary murals created by African American artists from around the country. The exhibit features 52 photos of murals and 20 original works related to murals.

"The Long Walk to Freedom," through Dec. 31. An exhibit of photographs, archival material, videos and writings highlighting the contributions of 12 civil rights activists who changed the face of the nation.

"Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas," ongoing. An exhibit featuring historical drawings and maps, a timeline, contemporary photographs and a selection of ceremonial and daily life objects.

"Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. 510-637-0200 or www.oaklandlibrary.org.

ALAMEDA MUSEUM — The museum offers permanent displays of Alameda history, the only rotating gallery showcasing local Alameda artists and student artwork, as well as souvenirs, books and videos about the rich history of the Island City.

ROTATING EXHIBIT — Natica Angilly, through Nov. 30. An exhibit of art and dance.

SPECIAL EVENT — "Fusions: Art, Photography, Dance, Poetry, Masques," Nov. 8, 3:30 p.m. Featuring live performances and an art show opening. Refreshments will be served.

Free. Wednesday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2324 Alameda Ave., Alameda. 510-521-1233 or www.alamedamuseum.org.

EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum. Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM — through Dec. 28. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed and operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight

and passenger trains operate in O, HO and N-scales on separate layouts, as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakersfield. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. For December, the trains and layouts will be decorated for the holidays.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$7 family maximum; free to all Saturday. Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900 Dornan Drive, Point Richmond. 510-234-4884 or www.gsmrm.org.

HALL OF HEALTH — EXHIBITS — "This Is Your Heart!" ongoing. An interactive exhibit on heart health.

"Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercise for calculating how calories are burned.

"Draw Your Own Chalkboards," ongoing. Human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies.

"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.

SPECIAL EVENT — Free Puppet Shows, Nov. 15, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, an award-winning education puppet troupe, includes puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The shows promote acceptance and understanding of physical differences.

Suggested \$3 donation; free children under 3. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-1564 or www.hallofhealth.org.

JUDAH L. MAGNES MUSEUM — The museum's permanent collection includes objects of Jewish importance including ceremonial art, film and video, folk art and fine art, paintings, sculptures and prints by contemporary and historic artists.

"Brought to Light: The Storyed Collections of the Judah L. Magnes Museum," through April 25, 2004. An exhibit that includes 130 objects drawn from the museum's archives, library and collections. Works featured include a recovered Torah Ark from the Queen Mary ocean liner, documents from the Spanish Inquisition, a drawing by Albert Einstein and works by Marc Chagall.

Free. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 510-549-6950 or www.magnes.org.

MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM — Jennifer Bartlett and Elizabeth Murray, through March 7, 2004. A major exhibit of paintings by two alumni. The exhibit will be closed for winter break from Dec. 15 through Jan. 12.

CLOSING — Circumstantial Evidence: Paintings by Martin Mull, closing Nov. 16. An exhibit of works by the artist.

CLOSING — "Josef Breitenbach: Portraits of 20th-Century Artists," closing Nov. 9. An exhibit of works by the artist.

Video Exhibition, through Dec. 7. An exhibition of recent works by Phyllis Baldino, Chris Sollars, Seoungcho Cho and Ursula Hodel.

OPENING — "Double Blind: A Video by Sophie Calle," Nov. 18 through Dec. 14.

Free. Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-430-2164 or www.mills.edu/MCAM/mcam.home.htm.

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA — "Global Elegies: Art and Offrendas for the Dead," through Dec. 7. An exhibit of artworks inspired by traditions and ceremonies honoring the dead in a variety of cultures. This is an expansion of the annual Day of the Dead exhibit, in its tenth year. The exhibit features 11 artists, from a variety of cultures, Western and non-Western, working in different media.

Free. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevin Ave., Richmond. 510-235-7387

UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM — "Exhibiting Signs of Age," through Jan. 18, 2004. An exhibit of 38 images that examines representations of aging and the elderly, ranging from common stereotypes to frank self-portraiture.

"Gene(sis): Contemporary Art Explores Human Genomics," through Dec. 7

An exhibition of 100 works by renowned and emerging artists, presenting new and challenging perspectives on the impact of human genomic research on our society. The exhibition will be accompanied by "Genetic Screenings," a film series running from through Oct. 30, "g-commerce," an online exhibition, "Thinking About Genomics," a lecture series; and "Making Worlds: Artists, Scientists, and Genomics," a panel discussion featuring leaders in disciplines such as anthropology, sociology, art history and philosophy.

"Turning Corners," through Aug. 31, 2004. This exhibition looks at five centuries of innovative art and ideas from around the world through masterworks from the UC Berkeley Art Museum collection. On view are works by artist ranging from Albrecht Durer, Peter Paul Rubens and Paul Gauguin to Jackson Pollock and Eva Hesse, and recent work by Jeanne Dunning, Xu Bing and Monia Hatoun.

"Hans Hofmann: Scintillating Spaces," through Dec. 29. An exhibit of works from the museum's collections by abstract expressionist painter

"Fred Wilson, Aftermath," through Nov. 23. An installation that addresses the themes of conflict and war and their evidence in art and material culture

"Kings Play Cards," through Dec. 7. An installation by Gail Wright.

SPECIAL EVENT — "First Impressions: Free First Thursdays," first Thursday of every month.

\$8 general; \$5 seniors, students and youth ages 12 to 18; free children under age 12 and UC Berkeley students.

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. 2151 Todd Street, Alameda. **Previews: Sunday, November 2nd, 9am-4pm; Friday, November 7th, 11am-6pm; Day of Sale at 9am until end of sale**

free to all on first Thursday of the month Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 510-642-0808 or www.bampfa.org

UC BERKELEY HEARST MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY — "Ecuadorian Pottery and Textile Traditions," through Dec. 14. An exhibit that explores the accomplishments of Ecuadorians by tracing the chronology and development of materials, methods and designs used by Ecuadorian artists from pre-Hispanic to current times.

"The World in a Frame: Photographs from the Great Age of Exploration, 1865-1915," through March 2004. An exhibition of photographs capturing the beauty of wilderness landscapes of the American West, ancient ruins of the Southwest and architectural features in Lebanon, Syria and Egypt. Most of the images are albumen prints and have not been exhibited for decades.

"Native California Cultures," ongoing. This is a permanent exhibit of some 500 artifacts from the museum's California collections, the largest and most comprehensive collections in the world devoted to California Indian cultures. The exhibit includes a section about Ishi, the famous Indian who lived and worked with the museum, Yurok tribal baskets and a 17-foot Yurok canoe carved from a single redwood.

"Pteranodon," a suspended flying replica with a wingspan of 23 feet. The Pteranodon is on display at the same time as the dimetrodon.

"California Fossils Exhibit," some of the fossils that have been excavated in California.

Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2151 Todd Street, Alameda. **Previews: Sunday, November 2nd, 9am-4pm; Friday, November 7th, 11am-6pm; Day of Sale at 9am until end of sale**

"A Century of Collecting," ongoing. The

exhibition examines artifacts as a form of cultural representation, presenting objects from around the world. Displays focus on the characteristic of these objects, which increases understanding of the people and the objects and the use of the objects.

\$2 general; \$1 seniors, \$0.50

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MUSEUMS

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — "Walls of Heritage/Walls of Pride: African American Murals," through Dec. 31. An exhibit of historical and contemporary murals created by African American artists from around the country. The exhibit features 52 photos of murals and 20 original works related to murals.

"The Long Walk to Freedom," through Dec. 31. An exhibit of photographs, archival material, videos and writings highlighting the contributions of 12 civil rights activists who changed the face of the nation.

"Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas," ongoing. An exhibit featuring historical drawings and maps, a timeline, contemporary photographs and a selection of ceremonial and daily life objects.

"Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. 510-637-0200 or www.oaklandlibrary.org.

ALAMEDA MUSEUM — The museum offers permanent displays of Alameda history, the only rotating gallery showcasing local Alameda artists and student artwork, as well as souvenirs, books and videos about the rich history of the Island City.

ROTATING EXHIBIT — Natica Angilly, through Nov. 30. An exhibit of art and dance.

SPECIAL EVENT — "Fusions: Art, Photography, Dance, Poetry, Masques," Nov. 8, 3:30 p.m. Featuring live performances and an art show opening. Refreshments will be served.

Free. Wednesday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2324 Alameda Ave., Alameda. 510-521-1233 or www.alamedamuseum.org.

EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum. Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM — through Dec. 28. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed and operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight

and passenger trains operate in O, HO and N-scales on separate layouts, as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakersfield. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. For December, the trains and layouts will be decorated for the holidays.

\$2 general; \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$7 family maximum; free to all Saturday. Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900 Dornan Drive, Point Richmond. 510-234-4884 or www.gsmrm.org.

HALL OF HEALTH — EXHIBITS — "This Is Your Heart!" ongoing. An interactive exhibit on heart health.

"Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercise for calculating how calories are burned.

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"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.

SPECIAL EVENT — Free Puppet Shows, Nov. 15, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, an award-winning education puppet troupe, includes puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The shows promote acceptance and understanding of physical differences.

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JUDAH L. MAGNES MUSEUM — The museum's permanent collection includes objects of Jewish importance including ceremonial art, film and video, folk art and fine art, paintings, sculptures and prints by contemporary and historic artists.

"Brought to Light: The Storyed Collections of the Judah L. Magnes Museum," through April 25, 2004. An exhibit that includes 130 objects drawn from the museum's archives, library and collections. Works featured include a recovered Torah Ark from the Queen Mary ocean liner, documents from the Spanish Inquisition, a drawing by Albert Einstein and works by Marc Chagall.

Free. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 510-549-6950 or www.magnes.org.

MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM — Jennifer Bartlett and Elizabeth Murray, through March 7, 2004. A major exhibit of paintings by two alumni. The exhibit will be closed for winter break from Dec. 15 through Jan. 12.

Free. Friday, November 21, 2003 6-10 PM

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The Lounge Deck, where patrons enter the ship, will serve as first the area of the silent auction and then as the "Casino Room." These rooms are outfitted with television hook-ups to comfortably view the auction and include full bars. The purpose of this fundraiser is to support our various Community Grants for non-profit organizations in the City of Alameda. We need all Alamedans to participate in this event. It will be a great opportunity for friends and associates to enjoy fellowship with Rotarians, get a head start on holiday shopping and, most importantly, help the Community Charities of Alameda.

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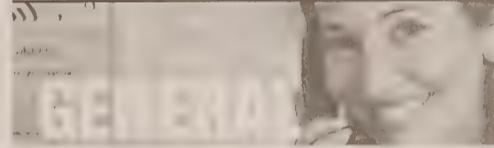
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NOTICE OF PETITION
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ESTATE OF:
SHIRLEY V. YOUNG
SHIRLEY VAN BROOKS
CASE NUMBER:
RP03122012

To all heirs, devisees, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may be entitled to be represented in the will or estate, both, of, SHIRLEY V. YOUNG and SHIRLEY VAN BROOKS YOUNG.

PETITION FOR PROBATE is filed in the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa, on the PETITION FOR PROBATE it requests that I, LARRY V. YOUNG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate. THE PETITION requests that the court determine the value of the estate under the independent Administration of Estates. It will allow the personal representative to take many actions without court approval, before taking certain very important actions. The personal representative will be required to give notice to the court and the public, unless they have waived notice or consented to the procedure.

The independent administrator authority will be granted to the personal representative to file an objection to the petition and show cause why the court should not grant the petition.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on December 10, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the Superior Court, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you must file a written hearing and state your objections with the court before your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the estate, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months

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from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in the California Probate Code. The time for filing objections will be four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a creditor or a devisee in the estate, you may file a motion to force a hearing to be held on the petition for the filing of an inventory of assets or of any portion or account as provided in section 86 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Specified Inventory may be filed with the court clerk.

For further information, contact Attorney for the Petitioner, LARRY V. YOUNG, One Kaiser Plaza, Ste 1750

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

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Jesus Patino

128 Court Blvd.

Richmond, CA. 94804

Francisco Patino

128 Court Blvd.

Richmond, CA. 94804

This business is conducted by a general partner.

/s/ Jesus Patino

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Arts & Leisure

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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

TV study hits close to home

THAT RECENT Kaiser Foundation study finding that 25 percent of kids under 2 have a TV in their bedrooms surprised me. I suspected that figure would be higher.

What was almost as sad: That study was also the first to track the "screen time" of very young children.

For kids under 6, the study said, the average of two hours a day spent with "screen media" (TV, DVD's, computers) is more than thrice the time spent reading or being read to. What a shame.

I've seen both extremes in my own family.

My 22-month-old nephew lives in South Carolina. He has a DVD player, a TV and a VCR in his room. The home's main TV is rarely off. There are books in the house, but they're an afterthought and look unused.

When his older brother, who also has a TV, VCR, a Playstation and stacks of Disney tapes in his own room, visited us two summers ago, I complained to his mother that all the 9-year-old wanted to do was watch TV. She told me, "Turn off the TV and make him read a book."

When I replied that books have never been viewed as a punishment in our house — just the opposite — she became angry.

Not surprisingly, the boy is not doing well in school and is taking medication for hyperactivity. (Probably more than a coincidence: He consumes lots of the soft drinks he sees advertised on TV.) He does not take well to reading, presumably due to all the "screen time" he logs each day. When I mentioned to a teacher friend recently that my nephew sits at the "head of the class," she told me something I hadn't considered: "That's because you put the worst behavior problems right next to the teacher."

We now go from the Southeast to the Pacific Northwest.

Our daughter-in-law, a former Intel exec (and, like my son, a grad of bookish Reed College) files several "blogs" (online diary entries) a day. It lets us know how our 18-month-old grandson is doing.

In several photos on the Web site this morning, Felix is sitting in a rocking chair, devouring several of his favorite books. I've actually seen him lead his parents by the hand to the upstairs room where most of his books are kept. Our grandson wants to be read to. He watches little TV — and when he does, it's always with a parent.

Two value systems; two different ways of raising kids and managing the pernicious onslaught of popular media.

When we're visiting my son and his wife in Portland, after the boy is in bed, we usually sit around and chat. But not always.

Sometimes, the four of us just read. A newspaper here, a magazine there, two people with books. No one's being antisocial. This is not behavior that needs to be excused or explained. It's organic.

The other night when this happened and a welcome silence — we'd spent the day fixated on an energetic toddler — finally settled in, I began wondering what my relations in the South would make of this scene. They'd probably find any home situation without a TV on, disgorging constant commercials and idiotic entertainment, unsettling.

That Kaiser study and all these kids not being raised around books reminds me of an observation novelist Gore Vidal once made. Vidal said Americans live in the world's first "post-literacy society." It's a society, Vidal explained, "in which most people can read, but don't."

And you can thank "screen time" for that.

Oakland Ballet opens holiday season with 'Crystal Slipper'

■ Company's annual 'Nutcracker' production follows in December

By Ana Facio Contreras
STAFF WRITER

Over its 38-year history, the Oakland Ballet has had many great performances featuring top talent, said Karen Brown, the ballet company's artistic director. This fall season, the company plans to continue that tradition with this weekend's performances of the "Crystal Slipper" and December's "Nutcracker" at the Paramount Theater.

But for the company to continue producing quality performances in the years to come, Brown said, it desperately needs larger numbers of people to patronize the ballet.

IF YOU GO

What: Oakland Ballet's "Crystal Slipper"

When: 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9

Where: Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland

Tickets: \$10-25-8497 or see www.oaklandballet.org

"We've been in Oakland for 38 years and we hope to be around for 38 more, but we need the public support to make it happen," said Brown.

Brown's concern on the need to draw a larger audience to Oakland Ballet performances is due to a budget deficit in 2002 caused by low holiday season ticket sales.

This February, the ballet company reported a deficit of \$300,000. The ballet company's annual budget is \$2.1 million. During the 2002 holiday season, the ballet company expected to make \$700,000 on its "Nutcracker" shows, but instead made \$400,000.

Brown said the nation's stagnant economy is to blame for low ticket sales in the 2002 fall season.

But the Oakland Ballet's financial problems are not unique, said John Munger, director of research for Dance USA, a national support organization for dance companies.

Ballet companies across the country are facing the same problem, according to a survey of 20 ballet companies done by Dance USA in January. In the survey, ballet companies reported that holiday fall season attendance between 2000 and 2002 dropped by more than 9 percent, and revenue decreased by about 3 percent.

Munger said there are two main sources of income that help ballet companies stay afloat: "Nutcracker" ticket sales and individual donations.

With expected cutbacks this fiscal year in state government funds, Munger said ballet companies are going to have to rely heavily on these two sources of income. Corporate contributions are also expected to decrease, he added.

As a result of these cuts, Munger said companies like the Oakland Ballet are trying to send a strong message to the public that "If you want a 'Nutcracker,' buy tickets."

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"We're asking people who love the ballet to take on a new type of responsibility that they have never done before," Brown said.

By "responsibility" she means that those who regularly patronize the ballet bring or encourage others to attend performances and make donations.

The ballet company will begin its holiday season today with a repertory program featuring four contrasting works that include:

Ronn Guidi's *Trois Gymnopédies*, Amy Seiwert's board game dance *Monopoly*,

Opus 45 by Mexican choreographer Gloria Contreras, and Dwight Rhoden's *Glory Fugue*.

On Saturday and Sunday, Carlos Carvajal's "Crystal Slipper" will take the stage, and Ronn Guidi's classic "Nutcracker" will be performed Dec. 19-23.

Both shows are a perfect introduction for adults and children who are not familiar with the world of ballet, Brown said.

Reach Ana Facio Contreras at 510-339-4506 or acontreras@cc-times.com.

Night of classic and original reggae in Berkeley

■ Andrew Tosh celebrates the legacy of his legendary performer father

By Brian Kluepfel
CORRESPONDENT

Carrying the legacy of a legendary parent is no easy task. Particularly when your father was Peter Tosh, co-founder of the Wailers, the fearsome "Steppin' Razor" from Trenchtown. But as Andrew Tosh sees it, he had no choice.

Andrew was in a Kingston disco the night Peter met his untimely demise at the hands of gunmen in 1987.

Like the rappers who became his spiritual successors, the elder Tosh never abandoned his ghetto roots and in fact, the man

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Musical tribute to Peter Tosh featuring Andrew Tosh and Sister-Live.

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 7, 9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Ashkenaz Dance and Community Center, 1317 San Pablo at Gilman, Berkeley

TICKETS: \$13

INFORMATION: 510-525-5054

who was convicted of his murder was an old associate who had come around asking for money. Peter Tosh was only 44, but Andrew, 20, was ready to step to the fore.

"I felt my father's spirit come right there at Skateland where I was," he said. "I tell myself that

Peter Tosh is gone and it's my need to carry on."

He made his debut at his father's funeral, singing a stinging version of "Equal Rights." The opening lines speak volumes about Tosh's social commitment. "Everyone is crying out for peace, but none of them is crying out for justice," it begins. Andrew's wowed the attendees at the Kingston National Arena service, where in his father's honor he then performed "Jah Guide."

Fellow musicians recognized the legitimacy of Andrew's talent (his voice is very much like his father's), and Tosh the younger inherited his father's most strident group of musicians, Word, Sound and Power, for a tour and album.

Carlton "Santa" Davis, George "Fatty" Fullwood, Keith "Sterling"

McLeod and Tony Chin backed Andrew on "Make Place for the Youth," which in addition to Tosh's originals had a version of Bob Marley's "Small Axe."

He has cut three albums in addition to a tribute CD to Peter, "Andrew Sings Tosh."

The vocal resemblance to his father was employed by Bunny Wailer, the surviving co-founder of the group with Marley and Tosh, and Andrew's uncle) in compiling and completing some unfinished tracks from the group's early years.

The updating and veneration of his father's legacy is not done without some of the famous Tosh humor. Peter was a witty wordsmith, and when Andrew re-cut his famous pro-ganja ballad, "Le-

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Long 'Rad Hour' goes too quickly

"THE 1940s' 'Hour' takes a mythical second-rate沃夫 in New York to see the reality we can't imagine in the days of vision made imaginable necessary as an app-

The crusty, lovable keeper called, as (Don Hansen) for coffee. The open Then station owner Clifton A. Fiddington Nebeker) barrels on what we always in the hair-pulling free air time

Walton Jones' characters names. If we're real people From here on, however, names are those of the performers

Nebeker and the lead off with "Chattanooga Choo" — and you know show's right on track

Bratt, a crooning lush

"Our Love Is Here to Stay" David Irving, the eager

longs for his big on-

Memory moments banishes weaving a spe

"Old Black Magic" and

the Ensemble ("Moon"), Kali Fosselius' "Mood"). Coley Grind Thompson and Julie F

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Section D

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BY MARK PHELAN
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Owners may soon gain more
power in the horsepower that
they claim for their vehicles.
A team of engineers is developing
a standard to verify auto
claims for the power their
cars develop.

In recent past, automakers
have turned to Hyundai have ad-
visedly advertised unrealistically
high numbers for their cars.
"Horsepower numbers are ab-
solutely important to our readers,"
said Markus, technical director
of Car and Driver magazine.
"One of the most crucial num-
bers is how we tell them why one
car is faster than another."

Hooley of Automotive En-
gineering is revising its standard for
horsepower and will have
automakers have an inde-
pendent observer verify the num-
bers claim for horsepower and will
have David Landcaster, Gen-
eral Corp. engineering
manager and chairman of the
committee developing the

standard.
Horsepower is the amount
necessary to lift 550 pounds
one foot in one second. SAE has de-
veloped standards for everything from
car to vehicle electronics.
New standard will also set
a scale for how to test torque,
which force automakers
use to measure the turning
generated at the wheels
that horsepower numbers
equate to higher top
torque determines a vehi-

lce's horsepower. Page D2



MOTOR MATTERS

MERCEDES-BENZ SLK230 roadster has some deficiencies, especially in terms of storage. However, once this coupe takes to the road, the fun begins.

Rocky start in SLK230 ends in smooth sailing

MOTOR MATTERS

It is said "all's well that ends
well." That somewhat explains my
week in the 2004 Mercedes-Benz
SLK230, which got off to a bad start.

As I usually do with any test-
drive vehicle, after putting the key
in the ignition, I waited to see how
long the "fasten seatbelt" light would
remain on without my seat-
belt fastened.

Some manufacturers are more
interested in saving the life of the bulb
than the life of the driver by al-
lowing the annoying light to go out
within a minute.

The SLK230, however, didn't
even have a warning light.

Then I tried to locate the buttons
to position the driver's seat. It turns
out that power seats are an option;
my expensive tester had manual
seats and the backrest movement
was very awkward to change.

I wanted to adjust the steering
column, but this car's steering
wheel and column are stationary.

Telescopic steering wheel is an-
other option. I'm sitting in a car that
cost \$44,620, but could not find the
expected features of an upscale car.
Even the credit-card size vanity mir-

TOM KEANE

Keane on Wheels

or wasn't illuminated.

My next irritation occurred when
it began to rain. The windshield
wipers were annoyingly loud, as
they switched and skipped across
the glass.

Also, the noise level of the interior
was much too high.

At this point, I'm not a happy
camper. But the rain stopped, and

I noticed other features of this road-
ster that began to produce favor-
able feelings.

Once under clear skies, it took
about 25 seconds after I pressed a
button on the center console for the
windows to go down, the rear deck
lid to rise, the top to unfasten and
fold itself into the rear, and the deck
lid to cover it up.

Now I'm in a very cute convert-
ible and raring to go.

I use the word "cute" because
the SLK230 is only 160 inches long.
Better yet, the turning radius is a
mere 33 feet allowing this little mite

enjoyable maneuverability. Forget
its faults; let's have fun!

My tester had a 2.3-liter four-
cylinder 192 horsepower super-
charged engine allowing this light
car to take off quickly. Steering is
very easy, especially in a turn.

As it turns out, I didn't require
adjustment to the position of the
steering wheel; it was exactly where
I preferred. I'm feeling better all the
time.

Still, I did feel a longing for
something better, like the top of the

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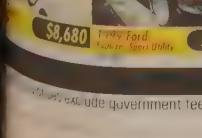
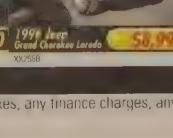
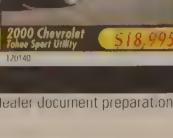
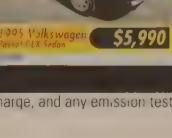
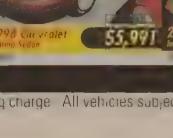
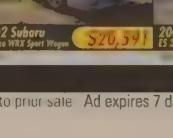
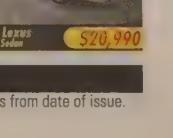
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The 1960 Chrysler Imperial, a tough car to park at almost 19 feet in length

MOTOR MATTERS

"The turn signals make no sense," Jim Byers says, "but I'll defend the push buttons to my dying day."

He is referring to his 4,835-pound 1960 Imperial Southampton LeBaron four-door hardtop sedan. Instead of being activated from a common stalk on the steering column, the turn signals are activated by a switch on the dashboard.

Of the push buttons that select the gears in the transmission, Byers states, "They have never given me a moment of trouble." From the top, the push buttons activate Reverse, Neutral, Drive, Second and First. There is no parking gear; just a very good emergency brake.

Years earlier, Byers owned a similar Imperial and sold it in 1998, immediately regretting his decision. He set about to rectify the automotive situation.

A wide variety of Imperials in far-flung locations were inspected and found wanting. Eventually, Byers decided to advertise in the "cars wanted" section of the Chrysler Product Owners Club newsletter.

When the September 2002 issue of the publication arrived in the mail, Byers checked his ad to make certain it was correct. He saw a picture of the car he had described and thought the editors had decided to illustrate his ad.

Upon closer examination, he

VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

saw that the picture of the Imperial was attached to an ad adjacent to his, placed by a man in Tulsa, Okla., hoping to sell his Imperial. The odometer showed about 56,000 miles. Byers contacted the seller and examined pictures that were sent to him.

He liked what he saw, but was reluctant to buy a car sight unseen. He also had no time to make a trip to Oklahoma.

Byers, a card-carrying member of the Imperial Club, found Jeffrey Cutler, a fellow member in Texas, a mere 500 miles from the car in Oklahoma. Cutler volunteered to inspect the Imperial.

Acting on the "thumbs up" report from the Texan, Byers purchased the car in October and arranged to have it transported home in a closed truck. When the truck arrived, Byers stood behind it anxiously awaiting the appearance of the car he had yet to see.

The beautiful blue Imperial with gunsight taillights made its appearance. Bumper-to-bumper the car stretches almost 19 feet. "My spaceship limousine had arrived," a happy Byers said. The Texan's evaluation was exact, to Byers' relief.

clubs.

Even with the top up, storage space is not the SLK's forte. Behind the driver's seat there is enough room to store a newspaper.

I also began examining other buttons. The controls for the AM/FM radio were a bit unusual, but once I became acquainted with the functions, I could change stations with ease.

The same system contains a CD player and telephone.

In an emergency, Tele Aid is available, as well as roadside assistance. This was reassuring and comforting information that gave me a better perspective.

I read about other features and



OWNER bought this 1960 Chrysler Imperial LeBaron hardtop sedan sight unseen and found it to be in perfect running condition. 56,000 miles on the odometer.

"I fired it up and went for a drive," Byers recalls. The 413-cubic-inch V8 engine develops 350 horsepower.

Byers surmises that his Imperial was a California car because there is no sign of rust. "I really lucked out," he says.

The car is loaded with convenience features such as the two front fender-mounted mirrors and a Mirror-o-matic interior mirror that dims when bright lights from be-

hind strike the surface.

There is a cruise control that is set with a dial, much like a thermostat, as well as a speed limiter. When the driver exceeds the pre-selected speed, the pedal pushes back against the driver's foot.

A Chrysler Airtemp dual air-conditioning system is in place, one for the front seat and a second one in the trunk for the rear-seat passengers.

Byers' favorite features of the car

are the two front automatic swivel seats that rotate whenever the corresponding front door is opened. The driver controls the enormous automobile with a squarish steering wheel and all six windows are electrically controlled, even the wing

mirrors.

"It's a lot of car," he says. He buys the highest octane fuel he can find and then adds a can of octane booster to the 23-gallon tank to keep the big engine happy.

"It's a people mag," says. Everyone seems to be talking about the big fins. "The Imperial is simple," he says. "You can find two parking spaces together."

For your car to become a classic, send a color photo (3/4 view) plus your name and phone number to: 2221 Abbotsford Drive, #22181. Only photos of quality will be accepted.

Keane

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line SLK32 AMG. That car has a 349 horsepower engine.

A 215 horsepower engine is available in the SLK320.

Yet my roadster provided excellent acceleration and I could easily change from automatic to manual shifting — an optional feature.

Once parked, I examined what was left of the trunk space when the top was down. It might hold one carry-on bag, but not a set of golf

clubs.

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Vehicle Type Two-passenger front-wheel drive coupe roadster

Suggested Retail \$39,600

Price as Tested \$44,620

Engine Type 16-valve, 2.8-liter four-cylinder in-line w/SFI

Horsepower 192 at 5,500 rpm

Torque 200 at 2,500 rpm

Transmission Six-speed manual w/Touch Shift

Wheelbase 94 inches

Height 50 inches

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learned that this SLK has an on-board GPS transponder so its location is known through satellite tracking. It

also has rollover bars, plus an electronic stability program.

Bottom line: When the week came

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1984 Oldsmobile Eighty Eight continues to run after stopping and the gear in park. This goes on for seconds with it starting to huff and puff again. It repeats each time I put the keys back on and the motor runs again. I discovered that if I turn the keys without the gear shift is in drive, there is much more puffing.

Do you have any idea what's causing this? Is it bad gas? Is this huffing and puffing?

James Harrison Jr., Benicia, Calif.

Answer: easy one! Engine run-on or dieseling is an occasional ailment of carbureted engines and is most likely to occur in warm weather.

When the engine tries to keep the engine from turning off, the engine tries to keep the engine from turning off because of heat build-up in one or both of the combustion chambers.

Normal conditions the air-fuel mixture is controlled by the spark plugs, and combustion stops when the ignition switch is turned off.

Driving the vehicle afterward releases an embarrassing cloud of particulate matter as the deposits are released.

If the above methods fail to bring relief, it might be necessary to switch to higher-octane fuel or seek professional help for more in-depth diagnosis or a more effective decarbonizing process.

Your in-gear shut-off method reduces idle speed enough to quell the dieseling, and should be employed until repairs are made.

Q My air conditioner ('99 Miata) was not blowing cold air, so I took it to the Mazda dealership to have the coolant re-

placed.

Although the mechanic put in new Freon, he told me there was a hole in the air conditioner and that I would need a new one for \$800.

I declined, and the air conditioner worked fine for a couple of months, leading me to think it must be a very small hole.

Is there a chance it could be repaired rather than replaced?

When I asked at the dealership, they said they didn't recommend it, and were not helpful with explanations.

Should I try elsewhere, or accept that it will need to be replaced?

Susan Silver, Sunnyvale, Calif.

A This is a tough one without knowing more about the nature of the leakage. Let's take a look at how your air conditioning system works, then what it might take to repair it.

Your air conditioning system contains three major components: the compressor, condenser and evaporator.

A series of hoses and pipes, a drier and a flow control valve complete the system.

Refrigerant is circulated through the components by the compressor whenever the A-C mode is selected.

The refrigerant absorbs heat as it passes through the evaporator, a stubby radiator-like device behind the instrument panel, and releases it from the condenser, a wide, flat radiator-like device at the front of the vehicle.

The refrigerant changes state from a liquid to a vapor, then back, as it absorbs and releases heat.

A-C systems are prone to refrigerant leakage from hose connections, the hoses themselves, the compressor shaft seal and possible perforation of the condenser or

evaporator.

Why is leakage so common?

Refrigerant is made up of tiny molecules and is held within the system under rather high pressure.

Adding refrigerant to a leaking and undercharged system is not a satisfactory solution, as the refrigerant will surely leak out, adversely affecting the environment.

System leakage can be detected using an electronic leak detector, fluorescent dye or a soapy water solution.

Hose-fitting seals are the most common source of leakage, but in your case it sounds like a major component might be perforated.

Can a leaking condenser or evaporator be repaired? Possibly, but there's a comeback risk: most shops won't be willing to chance it.

A corrosion-induced hole or crack might be welded or sealed, but the surrounding area also might be weakened, leading to a future failure.

What if it's a leaking compressor seal? Some shops are willing to renew just the seal (if serviced separately), while others prefer to renew the entire compressor.

Susan, do you have a copy of the dealer's repair order? If so, it should list the nature of the leak.

You could call around and receive competing bids for replacing the faulty part, and check to see if an A-C specialty shop believes the part is repairable.

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Business notices, personal messages, lost & found

Found

CAT - Gray w/white paws, Alhambra Valley, Martinez. \$25-278-3684.

CAT - Orange feral, extra toes, black & white. Con- cord 925-212-5801.

CAT - Orange neutered wht. paws, Danville.

COAT - Sooty Ave. Hounds thin, older dog. \$76-739-1794.

CHARM Bracelet, chilis, in BAYPOINT 925-709-1035.

DOG - Fox in Pittsburg, young puppy. Pitt Bull Mix. 925-783-2944.

DOG Power & Warren, Pitts, black & white. Bells. Buckle. \$100.

DOGS! 1 fer, border collie, 1 fer, male, husky. Found 10/30. \$80. Seminole Oakland 925-263-7907.

HILLTOP AREA in Antioch. 925-787-1711.

GOPED - 03-6021, Bicycles 03-6077, 03-6385-0347, 03-6078, 03-6387, cell phone 03-6397, Keys w/ key ring 03-6364. Please call 03-6387. 925-931-1000.

KITTEN! 10/15, blk/whit. 5-6 mo. old, Sycamore, Danville. \$25-963-9062.

PIT BULL, male, red/white. Copperfield Central Richmond 510-232-1654.

Lost

BEAGLE 10yr. Fawn, brown & white. Found 10/25. on 10/25. 925-820-1068.

BORDER CO. male, Lacy M & Clifton C. Byron. Rev. 925-550-7300.

CAT - Adult grey, black tabby. 10 yrs. Found. 925-542-3327.

CAT, Lg, long hair! Siamese male, black face & paws, 10/9. Found 10/25. on San Luis Rd. 925-934-6040.

CAT lost 10/27 by Sutter Elementary School, large male Persian black & gray. Please call 925-383-9794.

CAT neut. male, gray tabby white markings. Missing part of ear. Alamo. Reward. FOUND!

CAT! Orange stripe male w/crooked tail. By Shan- non. 10/25. 925-361-7972.

CAT, Persian, gray/wht. male, Brinwood, San Jose Ave & 21st. Vista School 10/25. 925-546-1100.

COAT - Wht. w/grey tail. Lamorinda area. REWARD 925-284-3358.

COCKATIELS (2), 1 blue, 1 yellow, nr. Cowell & Grove.

COCKATIELS - w/grey tail. Found 10/27. 925-210-1507. Reward.

CREDIT CARD ORGANIZER Medicare & Social Security. TV cards, Presidents & union cards. 400 cards. Lens implant records. 30% off. Reward. 925-283-2831.

COCKATIEL BIRD, grey & white. Found 10/25. Last Oct 2011. 925-511-6349.

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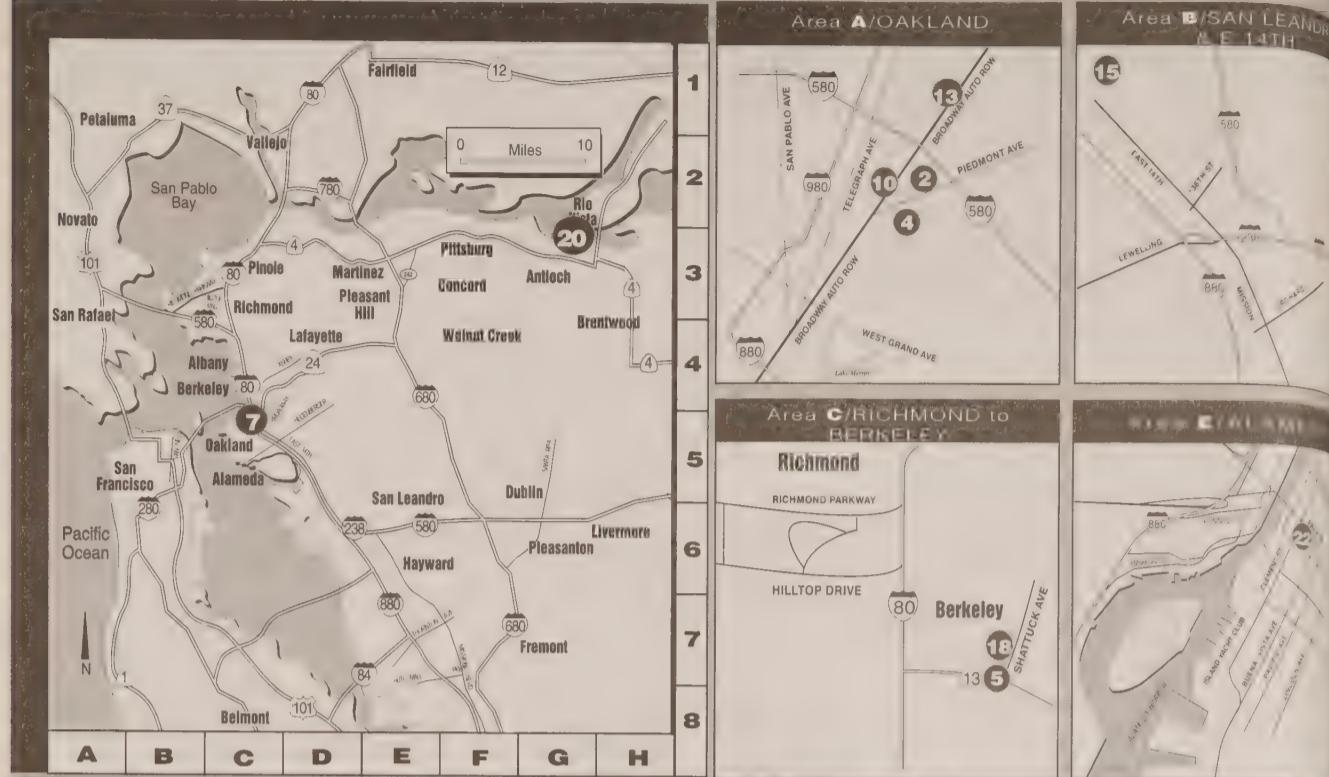
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Autumn Apples

BY VICKI PAYNE
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Autumn is here. As the foliage turns to fall colors, it's the perfect time to create a welcoming look for your dining room. You'll need a little time and effort for a major makeover to create a brand new look.

Simple projects for big sessions

Simple projects such as napkins, table runner and fabric design to help establish a design theme for your fall. For a little variety, consider the designs in a collection interest and excitement. Affordable cotton fabrics provide a clean look to any decor.

Creative flourishes for fall hair

Using decorative objects to complement your fabric decor, accent your design and highlight your room's features. Fresh flowers that match your scheme bring not only color but fragrance into your room using a simple white vase for a really fresh look.

Small fruit as well as candy are inexpensive but tasteful pieces for any table. I especially like green apples, limes and oranges in a clear glass or white bowl.

Adding a nicely framed photo brings a fresh

look to your walls while also acting as a conversation starter over an informal luncheon or dinner.

Before you begin ...

- Read project instructions carefully.
- Use a small notebook to record your ideas, accurate measurements, proper yardage and materials list.
- Be sure you remember to take your notebook and any coordinating swatches or paint chips when you shop to avoid a return trip to the fabric store.

Have a great autumn and enjoy your fresh new tabletop decor!

For more project ideas, log onto www.cranstonvillage.com. Read all instructions carefully before beginning.

Seam allowance: 1/2 inch.

TABLE RUNNER

Finished size: 16 x 60 inches
Materials Needed:
V.I.P. by Cranston Apple Orchard Border Fabric by Leslie Beck

V.I.P. #61140-ER — 2 yards
Polyester Fleece — 2 yards
1. To remove fabric borders draw line 1/2 inch from outer and inner border edges 63 inches long. Cut off on drawn lines. Cut piece from center fabric 9 1/2 x 63 inches. (Illustration 1)

2. Sew one border (right sides together) to each side of 9 1/2 x 63-inch piece. Open and press flat.

3. Fold runner in half lengthwise. Mark 8 inches down from top side. Draw line from mark to top center fold; cut on this line. Repeat at other end. (Illustration 2)

4. With right sides together, pin runner to remaining fabric and press flat.

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6. With right sides together, pin runner to remaining fabric and press flat.

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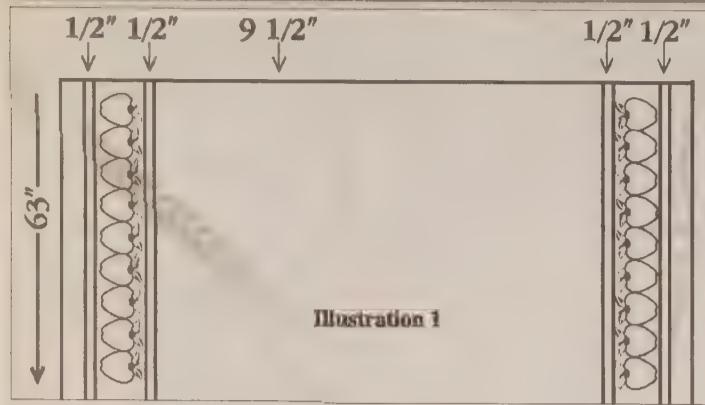


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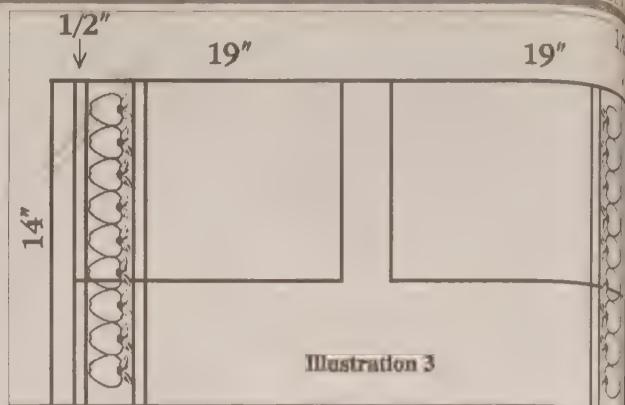


Illustration 2

When it comes to kids, let there be color

Easy, inexpensive decorating projects to light up their lives

NAPS

Kids love color, all colors. That alone should be inspiration when thinking about decorating your children's bedrooms or playrooms.

That they love color — the more the better — also makes do-it-yourself decorating projects with your kids easy and fun. The key is to relax, keep things simple and inexpensive, and don't sweat the small

stuff (like big messes). Use your creativity with your kids and watch their spring to life.

1. Let kids add color to unexpected places and have it be OK. If color is what a room lacks, kids can use GelGems on any non-porous surfaces such as windows, refrigerators, computer monitors and bathroom tile. Flexible, stickable and reusable, the colorful gels come in virtually any shape and color-hearts, letters, paisley, dots, fish, flowers or seasonal shapes and can match any room theme or help create a new one around special holidays.

2. Playtime with pillows. Pur-

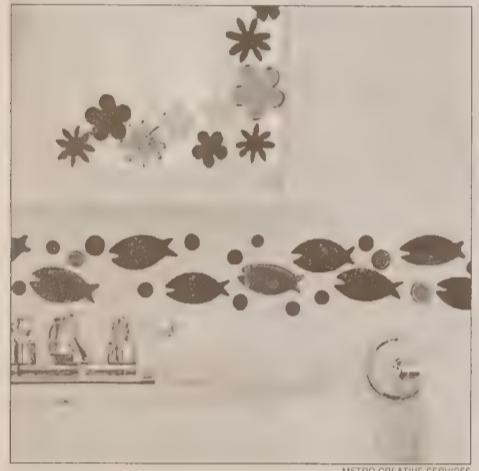
chase fabric crayons or paint at the craft store, along with cotton material. Cut two matching squares out of material, tape one piece securely to a work area, such as thick piece of cardboard, and have children design the front of a pillow. After they're done, sew the pieces together leaving a hole on one side big enough to put a hand through, stuff with filling and stitch the hole shut.

3. Modern art has never been so inexpensive. Children's artwork can be priceless — after all, a family or self-portrait drawn by their own hands is often more precious than a professional one. With the money you save on artwork, invest in a nice frame to give your children's masterpieces a finished look that blends with your room's decor.

4. Press some style and fun onto stale-looking walls. Have children dip their hands into an accent paint color. Help them press their hands onto the walls to create a room border around the middle of the wall. Vary the position of the handprints, switching 45-degree angles to the right and left to create a pattern.

5. Boot out the old, in with the new. Here is a use for the cute little rain boots they no longer wear, but you cannot bear to give away — planters. Pound a few holes in the bottom of the boot with a nail then pour a thin layer of gravel in the bottom of the boot for proper drainage. Fill with potting soil and Gerbera daisy or other small flower.

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Apples

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fleece; fleece on bottom Cut
backing and fleece to fit.5. Sew around edge of table
runner leaving 5-inch opening on
one long side for turning.6. Turn, press and hand stitch
opening closed.

PLACE MATS

Finished size: 13 x 18 inches
Materials Needed for 2 place
mats:V.I.P. by Cranston Apple
Orchard Border Fabric by Leslie BeckV.I.P. #61140-ER — 1/2 yard
V.I.P. by Cranston Apple
Orchard Words n' Apples Fabric by
Leslie BeckV.I.P. #61142-Z — 1/2 yard
Polyester Fleece — 1/2 yard1. Mark border fabric 1/2 inch
from outside of border; mark 19
inches across from that line. Mark
down 14 inches. You will have a
piece of fabric for the front of the
place mat 19 inches across x 14
inches down. Repeat for second
place mat from other side of fabric.
(Illustration 3)2. Cut piece of fleece and
backing fabric 19 inches across x
14 inches down.

3. With right sides together and

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fleece on outside, pin all three
pieces together. Sew around edge
of place mats leaving 4-inch opening
on one side for turning.

4. Turn, press and hand sew
the opening closed.

REVERSIBLE NAPKINS

Finished size: 17 x 17 inches
Materials Needed for 2 nap-
kins:V.I.P. by Cranston Apple
Orchard Words n' Apples Fabric by
Leslie BeckV.I.P. #61142-Z — 1/2 yard
V.I.P. by Cranston Apple
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Leslie BeckV.I.P. #61141-J — 1/2 yard
1. Cut two 18 x 18-inch pieces
from each fabric.2. With right sides together sew
around edge leaving 4-inch opening
for turning.3. Turn, press and hand stitch
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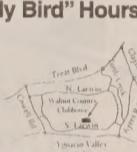
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Annual Holiday Boutique

Friday & Saturday

November 7th & 8th

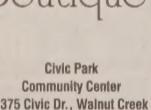
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lunch Available

12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Admission Free

Free Turkey Drawing each hour



Civic Park
Community Center
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5158 Carriage Way, Antioch

Friday, Nov. 7 - 9:30 - 8:00

Saturday, Nov. 8 - 9:30 - 4:00

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1. Scope out a prominent place for your collage. Measure the size of the space you want to fill, giving yourself a little room for fine adjustments later.

2. Lay out your collage on the floor; position the molding to frame the collage in the desired size and shape and arrange the pictures inside. Varying the size, shape and frames will add interest to the final

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3. On the display wall, find the location of wall studs to make sure any heavy items will be in position to be attached securely. A stud finder, such as the Zircon StudSensor Pro SL-AC, is perfect for this job. It finds studs without guesswork and includes a new WireWarning safety feature so you won't accidentally nail or drill into live AC voltage.

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